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## Commotion

Going Through The Motions seems to be a common thing nowadays. There are those people who do only what they have to do to get by in life. Then there are the people who are willing to go the extra mile to help someone else.

There were Ingots that did just that during the holiday season and throughout the year. The National Honor Society helped make Christmas better for a needy child. The Spanish Club held a can drive to help benefit the community. These are just a few of the things Ingots did to spread Christmas cheer.

The Holiday spirit was also present during the Ingotland Christmas assembly. The band played Jingle Bells Rhapsody and White Christmas. The choir sang Carol of the Bells and White Christmas. Then, of course, there was Santa Claus (Mr. Jason Quigg). The faculty and administration managed to make it another spirited Christmas.

Mary Temke

Matt Sobel, freshman, works on his









National Honor Society member Beth



Senior Pablo Russi sits and talks with Santa (Mr. Jason Quigg) and tells him the items he would like for Christmas.

Marialena Dominguez, freshman, participates in the mock spell bowl during Football Spirit Week. This was just one of the many events that took place during the week.



Student Council President Rhianna Donnelly, senior, helps tie balloons during Red Ribbon Week





Michael Jackson and David Letterman (senior Phil Gurrero and Dr. Robert Wright) have a discussion about the Edison Eagles during the pep assembly for the Lake Station football game. Michael was just one of the celebrit guests at the assembly.





Going Through The Motions



Sophomores Ricky Baron and Brooke Ostrander recite the poem What is a Veteran? by Dan Valentine during the Veteran's Day assembly.

Toni Kennedy, eighth grader, asks Pinhead (Mrs. Tina Clindaniel) for help during her fourth period class. Mrs. Clindaniel was dressed up for Halloween.

### Picking Up Speed

There were many changes that took place during the fall at River Forest. The students came back to school in August thinking that it would be just another boring school year. Then things started *Picking Up Speed*.

One change was the addition of new schools to the athletic schedules. The new schools will be joined

together with RF in the new Northland Athletic Conference slated to begin next year.

Another change was the resignation of the RF elementary principal which affected the high school. Mr. Andrew Wielgus, assistant high school principal, was sent to the elementary until a replacement could be found. Mr. Monte Moffet, athletic director, was then named as the

assistant high school principal and athletic director.

Although all of these changes took place, students kept *Going Through The Motions*. They continued to play the fall sports (football, volleyball, boys tennis and cross country). They also continued on with their studies and other activities.

Mary Lemke

### 'DREAMING' TO THE END

Seniors worked to make their last year a spectacular one. In the fall the seniors came together for Unity Day. At the event, class officers distributed links in the unity chain to their fellow classmates. Students laughed, hugged and clipped their unity links together.

The group chose the motto: "The Future

Belongs to Those Who Believe in the Beauty of their Dreams." They also selected a yellow rose as their class flower.

Representing the Senior Class as officers were President Alicia Long, Vice President Nicole Squires, Secretary Jennifer Karageorge and Treasurer Cassandra Cruz.

Margaret Allen

Maria Aguilar Margaret Allen Troy Allen Jonathan Alt









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A Think Marathon!

TURNABOUT

Let's Make It a Date!

September 8, 1997

December 6, 1997

February 7, 1998

UNITY DAY

It's All for One!









Jacqueline Bojorquez Joseph Bull Liz Cano Kristina Caporale

















Rhianna Donnelly Steven Drwecki Steven Duran Sarah Farthing

SENIOR BREAKFAST

A Last Cafeteria Moment!

GRADUATION

Turn Those Tassels!

June 2, 1998



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Melissa Harrison Jessica Heridia Robert Higgins Stephanie Jansen









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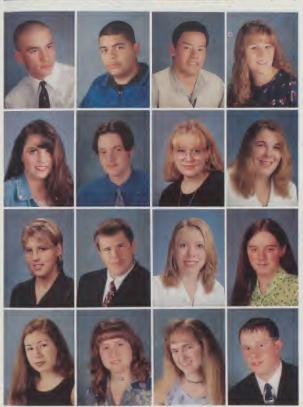
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Class Clown Jason Varney and Kristina Caporale Class Flirt Steven Duran and Cassandra Cruz



Seniors yell out their battle cry during their Homecoming assembly.



Jeffery Long Juan Martinez Juan Mendoza Wendi Miller



Jill Oldfield Nick Oslizlo Christal Pavlik Cassandra Pennington

Jasmina Perez Eva Piesvk Jeanette Podgorski Billy Ralph



Seniors stand in line to receive admits after Senior Ditch Day.

Brian Ray Vanessa Reeves Eugenio Rodriquez Pablo Russi



















Marvin Scott Michael Sellers Heather Serles Stacey Shrewsbury





















Sara Thompson David Tolin









Jason Varney Melissa Vaughan Rosie Vaughan Rita Verduzco









DeAngela Ward Elizabeth Weger James Wielogorski Meagan Wilson



Class Whiner
Tim Dulin and Mendee Taylor
Odd Couple
Vanessa Reeves and Bruan Ray



Most Athletic Thomas Lane and Harmony Kingery
Most Spirited
Nicole Squires and Jeremy Gallo



Most Photogenic Sarah Farthung and Robert Hugge Most Likely to Succeed Jason Scott and Vanessa Rerves



Auxiliary Corps members dance to *Doing in America* during the seventh hour Homecoming assembly.



Eighth graders Valerie Pennington and Ricardo Rodriquez clean out a messy locker on Red and Gold Day.



Georgia Mitchell, freshman, works on an assignment during Mr. Jim Wells, fourth hour science class on Golden Oldies Day.





Senior Marvin Scott dances as James Brown during the seventh hour pep assembly on Friday.

### pirit

### A Festive Week

Excitement was on the faces of RF students during Homecoming week. The activities and spirit.

Spirit Week began on Monday with Golden Oldies Day. Students dug out clothes to fit a style of the 50's, 60's, 70's, or 80's.

Tuesday was Career day. This gave students a chance to show off job-related clothing of their choice. Tuesday was a half day, but students still came back to decorate halls that night for spirit points.

In the middle of the week, one saw slippers, nightgowns and sweats. Students wore their sleeping gear to school for Pajama Day. During the day a mock spell bowl was held, the seniors were victors of the event. That evening began with decorating the Class Floats for the Homecoming parade. Afterwards, the student/faculty volleyball game was held. This year, the seniors were victorious. Later that night, the bon fire gave students a chance to wish the football team good luck for the Friday night Homecoming game.

Thursday was a day for stripes and dots in one outfit. Students came to school with anything that didn't go for Tacky Day. An assembly by Camfel Production called Trust Me was held during second hour.

On Friday Red and Gold was worn on clothes and painted on faces. During seventh hour, the pep assembly included a Rocky IV taping. Many students were excited to know the RF quarterback that was fighting in our corner was also Rocky.

Maria Aguilar

Senior Cassandra Cruz participates as a member of the Homecoming Court. Cassandra was also active in Auxiliary Corps. Senior Harmony Kingery reigns as Homecoming Queen. Harmony was involved in Honor Society and varsity sports. Senior Alicia Long serves as a court member. Alicia was also active in Honor Society and was the Senior Class President. Senior Christina Moreno is honored as a Homecoming Court nominee. Christina was also involved in Spanish Club. Senior Vanessa Reeves awaits the Homecoming ceremony. Vanessa was also a member of Honor











### Anticipation

### A Night to Remember

Homecoming was a night to remember for all Ingots. The game against the South Central Satellites was played on October 17. Ingot fans poured into the bleachers to support their team.

After the band completed their opening number, *Conquesta*, the presentation of the Homecoming Court began. The Senior Class chose five representatives. **Harmony Kingery** was crowned as the 1997 Homecoming Queen by the student body. **Thomas Lane**, senior, was awarded the honor of Mr. Football by his fellow teammates. Concluding the halftime activities, the band played *Twist and Shout* and *Hey Jude* by The Beatles.

The football team continued to battle the Satellites, but to no avail. The Ingots were defeated 26-16.

After the game, the Homecoming dance, sponsored by Student Council, was held in the cafeteria. The disc jockey for the dance was Entertainment Express.

Maria Aguilar



Junior Ginny Nord salutes during the playing of the National Anthem performed for the pregame show.



Football team members rush onto the field full of anticipation for the game about to begin.

The Golden Ingot Pride Marching Band performs during halftime at the Homecoming game. The theme for the halftime show was The Beatles.



Senior Thomas Lane (35) carries the football to gain yardage during the Homecoming game against the South Central Satellites. Later that night, he was named Mr. Football.





A very emotional Harmony Kingery, senior, accepts her crown from 1996 Homecoming Queen Jill Martin.

## RETROSPECTIVE an overview of events & personalities of the year



Thousands converged on Calcutta to mourn the passing of Nobel Prize winning humanitarian Mother Teresa, who died Sept. 5 of a heart attack. She was 87.

Mir. the 12-year-old space complex. suffered a host of mishaps during a joint Russian-American venture, including a near-fatal collision in June that punctured one of its scientific research modules. The aging complex is a test-bed for the international space station Alpha, the first components of which are due to be launched in 1961.

Comedic star Chris Farley was found dead in his Chicago apartment Dec. 18. Farley. 33, who spent several seasons on NBC's "Saturday Night Live" and starred in several movies, including "Tommy Boy," died of an appoarent heart attack.







The Florida Marlins captured their first-ever World Series championship by defeating the Cleveland Indians in seven games. Following the triumph, several marquee players were traded to make the organization more profitable.

In its debut season, the WNBA made a name for itself in professional sports. Eight teams competed in the women's league with the Houston Comets defeating the New York Liberty, 65-51, in the first championship game





#### Millions around the world mourned

the tragic death of Princess Diana, who was killed Aug. 31 in Paris during a high-speed car crash. Diana, 36, and her companion, Dodi Faved, were reportedly being chased by photographers who were following them from the Hotel Ritz. Faved, along with chauffeur Henri Paul, also died when the Mercedes crashed in a tunnel along the Seine River. The news sent shock waves around the world and sparked an international debate about the paparazzi's role in the tragedy. An autopsy later revealed Paul was driving legally drunk.

Although a Cambridge, Mass., jury found her guilty Oct. 30 of seconddegree murder in the February death of infant Matthew Eappen, British au pair Louise Woodward, 19, was sentenced to time served and released by Judge Hiller Zobel. State prosecutors promised an appeal in 1998.







Chelsea Clinton, 17, left the presidential nest in the fall for Stanford University, beginning her first year of college. She was away from her parents, but not the Secret Service. who were with her on campus.

The city of Carlisle, lowa, boasted its new population of 3,407 after resident Bobbi McCaughey, 29, gave birth to septuplets. Her delivery of seven healthy babies marked the largest multiple birth ever recorded.

Former Chicago Bull and sportscaster Norm Van Lier autographs a basketball for the auction. The celebrity donated his time to serve as auctioneer for the event.





Could this be hoop dreams? Junior Francisco Hernandez, a member of the RF basketball team, admires the autographed basketball donated for auction by former NBA great Oscar Robertson.





Norm Van Lier discusses his role as auctioneer with event organizers Mr. Monte Moffet, assistant principal and athletic director, and Dr. Robert Wright, guidance counselor.



### Owning a piece of immortality!

It was more than an "I'll trade you a Ken Griffey, Jr., for a Frank Thomas" night. Curious collectors bid on tables of sports memorabilia in the Bill Logan gymnasium during the evening of November 13. All proceeds were donated to Patty Cisneros, 1996 graduate.

Norm Van Lier, former Chicago Bull and current sports commentator, served as the event's auctioneer.

After toiling months to collect autographed memorabilia, benefit organizers Dr. Robert Wright, guidance counselor, and Mr. Monte Moffet,

assistant principal and athletic director, saw their labors pay off. Approximately 200 items sporting the famous names of athletes produced \$13,500 in profits to be used to purchase a vehicle for Patty Cisneros, who was injured in the fall of 1996 in an automobile accident

The highest bids of \$550 each were produced by football helmets signed by stars Walter Payton, Barry Sanders and Gale Sayers.

Donating his time at the event to sign autographs was World Junior Lightweight Boxing Champion Angel Manfredy.

Patty Cisneros, 1996 graduate, addresses the audience prior to the auction. Proceeds for the event were used to purchase a specially equipped vehicle for





Robert Joy, senior, practices his serve before an up-coming match.







The team huddles after a practice to discuss strategies with Coach Al Detterline.

Jason Varney, senior, returns the ball to his teammate while practicing for an up-coming match.



### Match, Point, Game!

his year's Boys Tennis Team had an excellent season with an overall record of 10-3. There were two disappointments, one when their record fell to 10-4, and the other was their loss to Lake Station in sectional. The record for Boys Tennis from 1990 to 1997 was 83 wins and 36 loses.

A major highlight of the season was a third place finish in conference. Individual highlights included junior Troy Mezera, who won conference at Number 2 singles, junior Derek Chirch who won at Number 3 singles at the Lake Station invite, and senior Jason Varney, who finished his season 8-6 at Number 1 singles.

There were two high honors given for outstanding efforts on the team. Most Valuable Player was Troy Mezera and Most Improved Player was junior Kevin Wilson. Coach Al Detterline said, "I hope the team wants to improve to better themselves for next year's season."

Jody Sutton





Javier Heridia, junior, and Angel Rosado, freshman, practice for a doubles tennis match.

Junior Derek Chrich plays a volley back to his teammate during a practice game.

Junior Francisco Hernandez (3) winds up to kick a field goal, as senior Thomas Lane (35) holds.

Junior Lance Schmidt (90) cuts looking for a hole following senior Thomas Lane's (35) block.











Senior Thomas Lane (35) charges his way up the middle in route to an Ingot victory over South Central.

## Touching Down!

## Ingots, Make, History!

he football squad began the season with a rocky performance. They were 1-8 when headed toward sectional. Everyone had faith in the team and it took sectional pressure to reverse their fortunes. They took the first step by beating Triton by a score of 14-7.

The second step came against South Central, who had beaten them earlier in the season. However, Whiting proved too much for the Ingots and they were defeated in the third round.

Senior Thomas Lane won All-State honors. Thomas also broke a school record for the most tackles in a season with 180

Assistant Coach Jason Quigg said, "This year's football season was a roller coaster ride. However, after the frustration during the regular season, it was all worthwhile. This was my first year coaching football, and this will be a team and season I will never forget."

Head Coach Jack Burton said, "The Ingots made a strong run in the playoffs at the end of the year."

Eva Piesyk



Coming together, team members gather before a game, Working closely together helped the squad achieve goals.

# Aim High Set Goals!

his year's season was a rough start for RF's volleyball team. The girls learned the concept of pulling together as a team, and when they were unified, everything came together, according to Coach Donna Briggs.

The varsity team finished their season with a record of 10-17, which beat their prior season's record. They also posted the second best record in the school's history.

The varsity team captains for the RF '97 squad were seniors Harmony Kingery and Vanessa Reeves and sophomore Tracie Mezera. The returning players from the '96 squad were seniors Jody Sutton, Harmony Kingery, Stephanie Jansen, Jessica Heridia and Vanessa Reeves, who served her second year as a team captain. Sophomore Tracie Mezera was also a returning player.

Commenting on the dedication needed to play the sport, Coach Briggs said, "Practice hard and you will go far. If you believe in yourself, anything can happen." The team concept this year was T-E-A-M (Together Everyone Achieves More).

Outstanding achievements on the squad included Most Valuable Player Harmony Kingery and Most Improved Player Jessica Heridia.



Senior Vanessa Reeves spikes the ball in an attempt to capture a point.

(24) Sports

Jody Sutton



Focused sophomore Tracie Mezera (15) bumps the ball up for a set.



Jamie Sellers, freshman, bumps the ball, trying to set up for a point for the JV team.



Reaching high, senior Harmony Kingery slams the ball to the opponent for a point.

# Attitude of Great Sucess!

aking their way to many finish lines, this year's girls and boys Cross Country teams had rough seasons.

The Girls Cross Country Team finished with a season record of 1-3. An outstanding player on the team for RF was Malissa Burge, sophomore. She placed first in all races, except one meet. Malissa also had an opportunity that few students realize. She traveled to London to race in two 10k races in December.

At the fall sports banquet, Malissa Burge was awarded Most Valuable Player. Most Improved Player was Kristin Gilliana, junior.

RF's Boys Cross Country Team concluded the season with a record of 4-4. According to Coach Lyle Neal, the single member of the team who really aided the squad was senior Tim Dulin. Tim learned to never give up and to work as hard as possible, indicated the coach.

Outstanding awards given at the fall sports banquet included Most Valuable Player to Tim Dulin and Most Improved Player to Harry Manos, freshman.

"Over all, the season progressed well for both girls and boys,"said Coach Neal."

Jody Sutton



Team members hudle before the race for last minute directions and stategies.









### Fall Sports Scrapbook



Varsity Football Team: front row: Nick Oslizlo, Steven Duran, Thomas Lane, Chris Carlson, row 2: David Tolin, Nathan Romo, Jeff Guined, Robert Higgins; row 3: Harold Therault, Lance Schmidt, Shane Coleman, Brian Drwecki; row 4: Francisco Hernandez, Eliu Fontanez, Joe Lewis, Paul Arnold; back row: Coach Jack Burton, Steve Peek, Jeremiah Melendez, Ryan Harder and Coach Jason Quigs.

> MIP Eliu Fontanez

Coaches lack Burton	Captains Thomas Lane	MVP Robert Higgins, Offensive
Jason Quigg	Steven Duran	Thomas Lane, Defensive
Frank Diaz John Thomas	Robert Higgins Chris Carlson	
Joe Dickleman	David Tolin	

### Varsity Football

RF		Opp.
36	Calumet	20
7	Whiting	44
6	Kankakee Valley	51
0	Lake Station	28
7	Lowell	42
16	North Newton	22
6	Rensselaer	31
10	North Judson	33
16	South Central	26
	Sectional	
14	Triton	7
28	South Central	22
3	Whiting	42



Boys Tennis Team: front row: Tim Stone, Eddie Cartagena, Derek Chirch, Matt Roach, Angel Rosado; row 2: Coach Al Detterline, Javier Heridia, Aaron Rymer, Mike Domsic, Tim Lyle, Marc Remus; back row: Tow Mezera, Jason Varney, Robert Joy, John Horn and Kevin Wilson.

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Coach	Captain	MVP	
Al Detterline	Derek Chirch	Troy Mezera	Kevin Wilson

### **Boys Tennis**

RF		Орр.
5	East Chicago	0
5	Morton	0
3 5	Wirt	2
5	Morton	0
2	Lowell	3
4	Gavit	1
4	Griffith	4
5	Horace Mann	0
0	Rensselaer	5
5	Roosevelt	0
3	Lake Station	2
5	Lew Wallace	0
4	West Side	1
	Sectional	
2	Lake Station	3

### Varsity Volleyball

RF		Opp.
L	Morgan Twp.	W
L	Kankakee Valley	W
L	Hammond Clark	W
L	Wheeler	W
W	Lake Station	L
W	Griffith	L
L	Hanover Central	W
L	Hebron	W
L	Hammond Gavit	W
L	Boone Grove	W
L	North Judson	W
L	Rensselaer	W
L	Washington Twp.	W
W	Lew Wallace	L
W	Calumet	L
W	Westville	L
L	Bishop Noll	W
W	Roosevelt	L
L	North Newton	W
W	Lake Station	L
L	Morgan	W
L	Rensselaer	W
L	Lowell	W
L	Wheeler	W
W	Lake Station	L
W	Wirt	L
L	Wheeler, sectional	W



Varsity Volleyball Team: front trow: Angie Bell, Tracie Mezera, Harmony Kingery, Vanessa Reeves, Crystal Lightfoot, Amber Varney: back trow: Coach Donna Briggs, Jody Sutton, Natalie Cartagena, Jill Oldfield, Stephanie Jansen, Jessica Heridia and Coach Laura Norman.

Coaches	Captains	MVP	MIP
	Vanessa Reeves Harmony Kingery	Harmony Kingery	Jessica Heridia
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### Girls Varsity Cross Country

RF Opp.

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Highland Invitational, 16th
Northwest Hoosier Conference, 6th

### Boys Varsity Cross Country

RF Opp.
L Lowell, Hebron W
L South Centul, Wheeler W
Wirt, Mergan Tryp. W
W White Station, Whining L
Gavit Invitational, 9th
Hobart Invitational, 22nd
Hobart Invitational, 1/7th
Lake Central Invitational, 9th
Northwest Hooser Conference, 5th
Sectional, 9th



Girls and Boys Varsity Cross Country Teams: front row: Jason Tschopp, Kristin Gilliana, Tim Dulin, Alex Cisneros, Becky Cisneros, Harry Manos; back row: Coach Jim Weitzel, Marialena Dominguez, Gary Moss, Joe Bull, Victor Arocho and Coach Lyle Nea.

Coaches	Captain	MVP	MIP
Lyle Neal	Joe Bull	Malissa Burge	Kristin Gilliana
Jim Weitzel		Tim Dulin	Harry Manos

### Fall Sports Scrapbook



IV Volleyball Team: front row: Maria Burge, Jessica Sutton, Jamie Sellers, Courtney Krasoczka, Wendy Paceley; back row: Coach Donna Briggs, Jennifer Clifford, Tiffany Spzaraga, Ruth Norman, Andrea Neyhart, Brooke Ostrander, Becky Phillippe and Coach Laura Norman.

Coaches Donna Briggs Laura Norman

# JV Volleyball RF Opp. Megan Township Kentaker Velley Leffisher Hanover Central Hanov

High School Cheerleaders: front row: Christina Burns, Annie Kearby, Aisha Wright; row 2: Samantha Pieszchala, Brooke Ostrander, Vikki Wallace, Nicole Squires, Annette Piesyk; back row: Debbie Wallace, Mandy Atterbury, Elizabeth Lockhart, Jeanette Podgorski, Jessica DeFord, Callena Burns and Coach Stacey Buehler.

MVP Varsity
Nichole Squires
MIP Varsity
Elizabeth Lockhart
MVP, JV
Callena Burns
Vickie Wallace
MIP, JV

Brooke Ostrander

#### Cheerleaders

Coach Stacey Buehler



Junior High Boys and Girls Cross Country: front row: Victoria Tschopp, Mary Saalwaechter, Michael Graun, Matt Cox, Sharon Burton; back row: Dustin Coleman, David Latta, Chris Davis, Robert Stottlemire, Erin Kempski and Coach Jim Weitzel.

Coach
Jim Weitzel
Captains
Dustin Coleman
Chris Davis
MVP
Dustin Coleman
Vicky Tschopp
MIP
Michael Graun
Vicky Tschopp

### Junior High Cross Country

 RF
 Opp.

 1
 Lake Ridge
 0

 2
 North Newton
 0

 2
 Westchester
 1

 3
 Lake Station
 2

 4
 Hobart
 2

### Junior High Football

RF		Opp
6	Lake Station	16
13	Gavit Middle	28
0	Hobart	8
0	North Newton	46
0	Liberty	12
6	Whiting	52
6	Westchester	40
6	Kankakee Valley	32
24	South Central	14

Coaches Kirk Whiting Paul Volk Chad Guined Sal Montes Rafeal Price Mike Fay



Junior High Football: front row: Ricardo Rodriguez, Mike Dominguez, Mike Fay, Josh Hagenow, Chuckie Roth, Rudy Sanchez, Josh Halcomb; row 2: Ryan Otero, James Cruz, Larry Swartz, Robby Saylor, Justin Horn, Steven Clifford, Neil Starkey; row 3: Aaron Guiterrez, Sal Montes, Rafeal Price, Stacy Gum, Brent Heavilin, Izzy Sanchez, Brandon Jacobs; row 4: Rudy Cano, Chad Bane, Steven Thompson, Dwayne Durk, Tony Muniz, Joe Nuzzo, Matt Lopez; back row: Coach Chad Guined, Coach Kirk Whiting and Coach Paul Volk.

### 8th Grade Volleyball

RF		Opp.
1	Hobart	0
1	Willowcreek	1
1	Fegely	2
i	Lake Station	3
1	Washington Twp.	4
2	Wheeler	4
	Harrison	5
3	Lake Ridge	5

Coach Jim Spencer MVP Toni Kennedy MIP Heather Rogyom



8th Grade Volleyball: front row: Beth Persley, Sarah Saylor, Elizabeth Hall, Heather Rogyom, Natalie Quinlan, Erica Perez; back row: Coach Jim Spencer, Marja Wilson, Judy Valenzuela, Laura Grunwald, Leann Cicillian, Toni Kennedy, Silvia Montes, Amanda Crofton and Jessica

### 7th Grade Volleyball

RF		Opp.
1	Hobart	2
1	Willowcreek	2
0	Fegely	2
2	Lake Station	0
2	Washington Twp.	1
1	Wheeler	2
1	Harrison	2
0	Lake Ridge	2

Coach Keith Hyden Amanda Alexander MIP Elizabeth Waters



7th Grade Volleyball: front row: Lupe Hernandez, Barbara Woodke, Tara Katamarina, Sunni Pacely, Amber Carroll, Jennifer Gardner; back row: Coach Keith Hyden, Sherri Gardner, Elizabeth Water, Amanda Alexander, Cassandra Westmoreland, Melissa Arnold and Jennifer Otero.

Melissa Bagley and Jessica DeFord, juniors, examine the selections in the new ice cream vending machine in the cafeteria. The company that owned the machine received 80 percent of the profit and the school received 20 percent.



Mr. Gerald McCullum speaks during his going away party. Mr. McCullum left River Forest to become superintendent for the Whiting School Corporation.





The holidays usher in magical traditions. The Hoosier Grandpas performing a little Christmas music is one of those traditions. The singing group visited on December 18.



Senior Mike Sellers conducts White Christmas during the annual Christmas assembly. It is a tradition for the band president to conduct this song so the instructors can sing with the other faculty members.





Will the Macarena ever die? It was still being performed in the elementary gymnasium at the '98 Turnabout on February 7.

# Taking A Breather

Snow, rain, winds, and El Nino were all things that were going on during the winter months. Unseasonably warm weather blew into Northwest Indiana during the winter. By the end of February, temperatures climbed into the balmy 50's, buds sprouted on the limbs of trees and fire drills sounded in the dead of winter.

The weather wasn't the

only thing unpredictable in New Chicago. Mr. Gerald McCullum, superintendent for eight years, decided to leave the River Forest Community School Corporation to become superintendent for the Whiting school district. The school board hired Dr. Robert Cantrell in early February to replace Mr. McCullum

There were still those who continued *Going* 

Through The Motions like normal. They continued playing sports such as boys and girls basketball and wrestling. There were also those who chose to participate in academic competitions. Turnabout, Homecoming and other activities were present to plan and enjoy. Then there were those who were just content Taking A Breather.

Mary Lemke



Freshmen John England and Erica Bowman share a romantic moment during a slow dance.

Karen Kawohl, senior, follows her own variations during the Macarena.





Seniors Vanessa Reeves and Brian Ray share a laugh as they dance before a fountain of balloons during Turnabout '98.



RF students jump out of their chairs and head for the dance floor for one of the most popular dances, the Electric Slide.



othing proves more memorable than the private moments. Aisha Wright, freshnan, and sophomore Jesse Catlin share one of those special moments.

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# What a Night to Sparkle

Swans sparkling with blue and silver glitter were souvenirs for couples to keep as memories of Turnabout '98. Columns were crowned with huge swans decorated with rainbow-like luminescent flakes. Balloons of blue and white surrounded columns and topped the archway. A dark room flickering with candlelight helped to set the mood for the 91 couples who walked in to see the River Forest Elementary gymnasium. The soft and fast music was provided by the disc jockey, Exuberance.

"A Dream for Us" was the theme for the senior-sponsored event. Girls arrived in formal dresses, while guys wore suits or tuxedos. Couples and group pictures were taken by Root Studio.

Many students went to nearby hangouts or enjoyed themselves in Chicago. "Turnabout '98 was a great evening not only because I looked nice and it was spent with friends, but because it was my senior year!" exclaimed Jeanette Prodgorski, senior.

Maria Aguilar



# Dancing Junior High Nights Away

"Boogie Down," was in order for junior high students on October 30 and February 10 at the Halloween and Valentine Dances. The dances were held from 6 to 8 p.m. with the music for both provided by Brus Pierce. Dance sponsors, Mrs. Diane Chary and Mrs. Sally Weitzel, helped with the refreshment table, which included, soft drinks, cookies and chips.

Costumes winners were seventh graders Christina Baron, prettiest; John Clark, scariest; and Josh Lewis, funniest. Winners of the competition also included eight graders Chad Bane, weirdest; Victor Aguilar, funniest; and Desiree Torres, best costume. Every year, students choose four boys and four girls to represent their class for court. The 1998 seventh grade representatives were James Cruz, Dan Anderson, Andres Verduzco and Dustin Coleman, who was crowned Prince. The girls were Kristina Komenich, Jeanine Songer, Vanessa Wally and Rachael Guerrero, who was chosen as Princess.

Eighth grade court members were Sam Saalwaechter, Chris Davis, Charles Roth, Silvia Montes, Sarah Saylor and Elizabeth Hall. Sal Montes and Leann Cicillian were crowned King and Queen by former Queen Courtney Krasoczka.



"And the queen is..." Freshman Courtney Krasoczka crowns the new queen, eight grader Leann Cicillian.



Melissa Arnold, seventh grader, displays her Korean costume while entering the Halloween Dance.



After having their names called, Andres Verduzco escorts Kristina Komenich down the runway at the Valentine's Dance.

Seventh grader Christina Baron takes a break from the Halloween Dance to talk with a friend. She was awarded Prettiest Costume.





Valentine's court members wait anxiously in the hall lobby until they are announced.



# A Week to Remember

"Those threads are pretty gro-o-vy!" Students started Basketball Homecoming week off with Golden Oldies Day. Some students bought clothes, while others pulled them out of their parents' old trunk.

Tuesday was a day to relax in PJ's. On Pajama Day, students came to school with robes, curlers and slippers. That night, students stayed to help decorate from 3 to 9 p.m. to win spirit points. The Senior Class captured a first place in the hall decoration competition.

It wasn't Turnabout or Prom. It was just another spirit day. Formal Day was a day for students to "glam up." During fourth hour, students from each class participated in the mock academic Super Bowl. The other classes were no match for the juniors. That evening, students worked long hours on their class banners, but there was no competition for the first place freshmen.

Red and gold appeared throughout the school on Thursday. Students went crazy for this spirit day. During seventh hour, students and faculty members gathered in the Bill Logan Gymnasium for the showing of Grease III. After the musical, students strained their tonsils to help their classes during the battle cry, the final spirit competition. The announcement finally came, and the overall victors were the seniors with a total of 187 spirit points.

''Red'y Cisneros

Junior Annette Sanchez puts the finishing touches on the Junior Class banner. The banner competition was just one of the many ways students earned spirit points during the week. Sandy (Vanessa Reeves) and Danny Zuko (Brian Ray), seniors, sing about their summer love interests during the Basketball Homecoming pep assembly. The theme for the assembly was Grease III.







Mr. Ronald Hughes raises his hand to signify a correct answer by Lolita Christopher and Sara Russi, members of the freshman team. The competition was just one of the many activities of Spirit Week.





Sophomores Brooke Ostrander and Callena Burns deliver their battle cries during the seventh hour pep assembly.

Sharon Burton, seventh grader, takes a very formal approach to school during Formal Day. She was one junior high student that chose to take part in the Spirit Week festivities.



# Spirit Takes an Effort

Vivid, colorful banners, bright uniforms, and a sea of red and gold flooded the Bill Logan Gymnasium on February 13. All around were the colors of banners or the bright uniforms of junior varsity and varsity players. Ingot fans piled onto bleachers to watch the Homecoming game against the Rensselaer Bombers.

During halftime, candidates for spirit and Mr. and Miss Basketball were presented. Senior Jason Varney was honored with Mr. Ingot Spirit and Nicole Squires was awarded Miss Ingot Spirit. "I was shocked when I was crowned Miss Ingot Spirit. I didn't know I was going to win because there were many other qualified girls on the court," said Nicole.

Every year, one student from each of the basketball teams is selected as Mr. or Miss Basketball. Seniors Robert Joy and Harmony Kingery were chosen by their teammates for this honor.

The Ingots played a hard game to win the victory, 63 to 51. Later, to top off the victorious night, students danced in the Ingot Room to a variety of music from the disc jockey, Exuberance.

Maria Aguilar

Senior Harmony Kingery receives Miss Basketball honors. Harmony's teammates chose her for this tribute.





Mr. Ingot Spirit, senior Jason Varney, receives his award from alumnus Chad Guined.

Sharing a proud moment, Jennifer Karageorge, senior, congratulates her friend Nicole Squires, senior. Nicole was crowned Miss Ingot Spirit.

(40) Activities







Getting the crowd involved with a "Herkie" cheerleader jump, Brooke Ostrander, sophomore, displays her spirit for the team.

Tipping the ball into the basket for two points, senior Robert Joy demonstrates one of the reasons why his teammates honored him as Mr. Basketball.



River Forest 1998 Spirit Court includes seniors Angie Bell, Jennifer Karageore, Nicole Squires, Alicia Long, Krissy Caporale, Vanessa Reeves, Jeremy Gallo, Jeff Long, Mike Sellers, and Jeff Guined.



# Shoot... Two Points

Steve Petri steals the ball and passes it to Chuck Hudson, who then passes it to Robert Joy. Robert takes it to the hoop and slam dunk. The crowd goes wild! This was the excitement generated during the boys basketball season.

The Varsity basketball team finished with the second best record in school history. They won the Northwest Hoosier Conference title for only the second time in school history. "Some of our strengths were quickness in guard play," explained Coach Jim Spencer.

Senior Robert Joy was awarded many honors throughout the course of the season. He was All-Conference, Most Valuable Player, Mr. Basketball and WJOB awarded him Player of the Year. Robert's personal accomplishments helped the team attain their goals during the season. Team goals included producing a winning season and capturing a conference championship.

Eva Piesyk



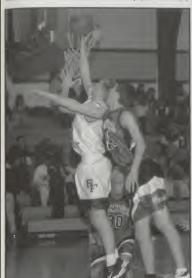
Aiming for the basket, sophomore Raul Mosqueda shoots for a freethrow





Freshman Tim Lyle looks for an open teammate to whom he can inbound the

Senior Chuck Hudson avoids a Rensselaer defensive play and scores a layup.





Senior Steve Petri breaks Rennsselaer defensive pressure as he dribbles the ball down court.

Senior Robert Joy slam dunks two points for the Ingots.





Freshman Angel Rosado and junior Kevin Wilson struggle to pull down a rebound for RF.

# Records? Yep, re-write the book!

hey won't forget us soon! The Girls' Varsity Basketball team compiled enough records during the season to capture their place in RF history. The squad posted 68 points in a game against Hammond High and set a school record. Other recordbreaking accomplishments included three wins in one week, four wins straight and the most wins in a season with nine.

There were also many memorable moments for the team. Sophomore **Tracie Mezera** scored 33 points in a game against Calumet. Another highlight was when the squad defeated Hammond High, a 4A school, by three points. In sectional competition, the team stalled Hanover Central for 6 minutes and 5 seconds.

Capturing honors, Tracie Mezera was named Most Valuable Plaayer. Most Improved were junior Natalie Cartagena (varsity) and freshman Lolita Christopher (junior varsity). The team voted senior Harmony Kingery Miss Basketball because of her outstanding leadership and all-around play. In reaction to the honor, Harmony said, "It was great to know that my teammates chose me as their all-around leader and outstanding senior."

Completing her first year as head coach, Miss Laura Norman said, "The girls worked very hard this year to reach all of their goals. We pushed them because we knew what they were capable of, and they went beyond that. We are proud of them."

Jody Sutton





varsity players cheer on the JV team to encourage them to defethe rival Lake Station Eagles.

Senior Jessica Heridia plays hard defense against her Lake Station opponent, Christal Cooper.

Tracie Mezera, sophomore, pops up a three-point shot to try and rack up points At the line, junior Amber Varney attempts a free throw for the Varset agaist Lake Station.







Dribbling the ball down court for the JV. Becky Chirch, sophomore begins an offensive play







Seniors Thomas Lane and Steven Duran practice maneuvering and breaking holds during practice.

Michael Lopez, sophomore, gains control over his opponent and prevents his escape.

Sophomore Paul Arnold attempts to avoid arm control from his Andrean oppo-



Junior Captain Alex Cisneros works to gain the advantage and put his opponent on the mat



# Take-down and Win and Win

As two opponents walk toward the center of the mat, the referee tells them to shake hands. Suddenly, the whistle blows and the match begins. "I look to Coach Persley for confidence before and during a match. His voice is virtually the only thing I hear during a match," explained senior Thomas Lane.

This year the team was lead by two new coaches, Mr. Kevin Persley and Mr. Jim Weitzel. Captains Thomas Lane and Alex Cisneros, junior, also helped lead the team through the year.

Coach Weitzel explained that this year's weak points were team size and experience. "We had many young and inexperienced wrestlers. We also had a small team. Our strong points were Thomas and Alex," said Coach Weitzel.

The season ended with freshman Ryan Garner and sophomore Harold Therault placing third in sectional competition. Mike Lopez, sophomore, Alex Cisneros and Thomas Lane competed at regional. Thomas also qualified for semi-state.

Eva Piesyk

### Winter Sports Scrapbook



Varsity Girls Baskethall Team: front row: Jessica Sutton, Stephanie Jansen, Tracie Mezera, Maria Burge; row 2: Coach Bob Hoffman, Jessica Heridia, Lolita Christopher, Harmony Kingery, DeAngela Ward, Natalie Cartagena and Coach Laura Norman.

Coaches Laura Norman Bob Hoffman	Captains Harmony Kingery Jessica Heridia DeAngela Ward	MVP Tracie Mezera	MIP Natalie Cartagena
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Varsity Wrestling Team: front row: Mike Lopez, Alex Cisneros, Ryan Garner, Mike Persley: row 2: Coach Kevin Persley, Pablo Russi, Steven Duran, Stephen Alexander, Harold Therault, Jason Scott and Coach Jim Weitzel.

Coaches Kevin Persly Jim Weitzel	MVP	MIP
	Thomas Lane	Ryan Harder

#### Girls Varsity Basketball

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52	Wint	43
42	Morgan	61
41	Lake Station	36
49	Boone Grove	60
23	Griffith	49
53	Washington Twp.	48
42	North Newton	65
30	Lowell	64
35	Hanover	43
42	South Central	44
46	Wirt	41
55	Hehron	58
53	Lake Station	25
39	North Judson	96
40	Kankakee Valley	48
55	Rensselaer	61
68	Hammond High	65
56	Calumet	46
56	Southwood	47
63	Westville	40
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40	Hanover	48

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W	Whiting	L
L	North Newton	W
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L	Goghsen	W
L	Morton	W
W	Concord	L
L	Lake Station	W
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W	Wirt	L
W	Wallace	L
L	Kankakee	W
L	Andrean	W
W	Marquette	L
L	Munster	W
L	Morton	W
L	Hanover	W
L	Gavit	W
L	Boone Grove	W
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Coaches Chuck Hudson MVP Robert Otero



Varsity Boys Basketball Team: front row: Jason Tchopps, Francisco Hernandez, Angel Rosado, Javier Heridia, Steve Petri, Robert Otero, Mike Domsic, Jeffrey McNabb; row 2: Coach Terry Wilcox, Jason Varney, Chuck Hudson, Robert Joy, Chris Carlson, Kevin Wilson, Troy Mezera and Coach

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Coaches Ioe Burelson



JV Boys Basketball Team: front row: Jason Tchopps, Raul Mosqueda, Marc Remus, Francisco Cuevas, Eddie Cartagena, Eliezer Fontanez, Jeffrey McNabb; row 2: Coach Jason Quigg, Tony Colon, Tim Lyle, Jesse Catlin, Sonny Osteen, Manuel Martinez, Jon Soto and Coach loe Burelson.

## Freshman Boys

	Basketbal	
RF		Орр.
42	Lake Station	28
15	Crown Point	44
31	Lake Station	48
28	Griffith	43
46	Whiting	54
42	Hanover	36
21	Merrillville	52
14	Kankakee Valley	43
26	Washington Twp.	46
27	Clark	31
28	Hebron	31
15	Hobart	59
24	Lowell	39
43	Hanover	42
30	Griffith	47
21	Chesterton	53

Coach MVP MIP



Freshman Boys Basketball Team: front row: Ryan Harder, Nathan Otero, Harry Manos, Adam Baker, Brandon Crofton, Coach Jason Quigg, Tim Lyle, Bill Carns, Matt Roach, Jose Cisneros and Jason Tchopps.

### Winter Sports Scrapbook



J.V. Girls Basketball Team: front row: Fernanda Heridia, Becky Cisneros, Becky Chirch, Courtney Krasocka, Maria Burge; row 2: Coach Bob Hoffman, Jesica Sutton, Amanda Harris, Marialena Dominguez, Lolita Christopher, Amber Alexander and Coach Laura Norman.

Coaches
Bob Hoffman
Laura Norman
MIP
Lolita Christopher

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Lake Station	27
Boone Grove	35
Griffith	46
Washington Twp.	26
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Hanover	39
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Lake Station	26
North Judson	63
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Rensselaer	50
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Westville	33
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8th Grade Girls Basketball Team: front row: Sarah Saylor, Leslie Blankinship, Erika Perez, Heather Rogyom, Elizabeth Hall, Toni Kennedy; row 2: Coach Rodney Thompson, Silvia Montes, Leann Cicillian, Katherine Komenich, Natalie Quinlan, and Iessica Coates. Coach Rodney Thompson Captains Toni Kennedy Silvia Montes MVP Toni Kennedy Silvia Montes MIP

Natalie Ouinlan

#### 8th Grade Girls

RF		Opp.
20	Harrison	36
35	Washington Twp.	36
37	Hammond Scott	19
19	Michigan City	22
29	Hobart	24
19	Hanover	39
9	Westchester	29
19	Willowcreek	35
19	Lake Station	13
25	Fegely	33
27	Wheeler	35



7th Grade Girls Basketball Team: front row: Eveline Verduzco, Brittney Stoica, Brianne Gilliana, Sunni Paceley, Nicole Reed, Elizabeth Waters; row 2: Coach Paul Volk, Amber Carroll, Melissa Arnold, Amanda Alexander, Kristina Komenich and Brandi Ortic. Coach
Paul Volk
MVP
Amanda Alexander
MIP
Nicole Reed

### 7th Grade Girls

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RF		Opp.
21	Harrison	19
10	Washington Twp.	35
9	Hammond Scott	16
9	Hanover	36
5	Westchester	37
2	Willowcreek	58
13	Lake Station	9
10	Westchester	27
13	Fegely	30
25	Fegely	37
14	Wheeler	20
22	Kouts	13
18	Fegely	37

#### Junior High Wrestling

RF		Opp.
L	Fegely	W
L	Ben Franklin	W
L	Westchester	W
L	Willowcreek	W
L	Lake Station	W

Coach MVP MIP Tommy Ling



Junior High Wrestling Team: front row: Nathan McPike, Tim Lane, Joe Nuzzo, Tommy Ling; row 2: Coach Danny Diaz, Justin Guzman, Stacey Gumm and

#### 8th Grade Boys Basketball

RF		Opp.
L	Griffith	W
1.	Fegely	W
L	Liberty	W
L	Willowereck	W
W	Lake Station	L
L	Hanover	W
L	Westchester	W
L	Hobart	W
L	Ben Franklin	W
L	Pierce	W
L	Harrison	W
W	Washington Twp.	L
L	North Newton	W
L	Hanover	W

Coach MVP Sal Montes



8th Grade Boys Basketball Team: front row: Ray Hernandez, Daniel Munoz, Enrique Zepeda, Chuckie Roth, Matthew Paul, Edward Stojancenvich; row 2: Coach Jonny Guiterrez, Rafael Price, Andrew Rodriguez, Joel Torres, Sal Montes, Mike Minarich, J.R. Butchko, Elijah Gregory and Brant Heavilin.

## 7th Grade Boys Basketball

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RF		Opp
W	Griffith	L
L	Fegely	W
L	Liberty	W
L	Willowcrek	W
W	Lake Station	L
W	Hanover	L
L	Westchester	W
L	Hobart	W
L	Ben Franklin	W
L	Pierce	W
L	Harrison	W
W	Washington Twp.	L
L	North Newton	W
W	Hanover	L

Coach Rodney Thompson MVP Dustin Coleman MIP John Clark



7th Grade Boys Basketball Team: front row: Robert Ordway, Justin Carlson, John Clark, Tommy Flores, Andres Verduzco, Louie Smith; row 2: Coach Rodney Thompson, David Latta, Brandon Jacobs, Dustin Coleman, Justin Horn, James Cruz, Aaron Gutierrez and Michael Graun.



Freshman Kymberlee McKinney stretches dough for her Christmas cookies in third hour home economics.



Junior Sean Heaton helps load blanks into a gun for his sixth hour chemistry lab for the Chemistry Van. The class tested the residue that the gun left on hands.



Daniel Bojorquez, sophomore, tests a liquid for his sixth hour chemistry lab for the Chemistry Van.



Maria Aguilar, senior, works to complete a spread for the



#### Applying the Know-how

## Concentrating on Getting the Job Done

Whether completing a lab or preparing an assignment, some subjects just place an extra emphasis on applying principles learned in class.

Throughout the year, science and home economics classes engaged in labs and projects to help them better understand and apply the knowledge learned in class.

Yearbook and Newspaper staffs worked using technology, to produce student publications and to apply the principles of journalism.

Speech students wrote and delivered speeches in class to improve their public speaking skills in front of an audience.

Students gained the opportunity to apply their classroom knowledge in hands-on labs and application courses. They combined book knowledge with an opportunity to put the emphasis on learning and doing.

Jabatha Harrison



Mr. Phil Long, student teacher, oversees his fifth hour biology class as students add gels for a DNA lab.

# Establishing a Foundation for a Better Future

How is vocabulary increased and strengthened? What increases the ability to play and sing? How do you build a strong mind and body?

Spanish and French classes worked to better themselves in speaking in another language.

Band and Choir classes spent the year trying to

become better in tune with their instruments and voices.

All the physical education classes tried to build students' muscles to produce stronger individuals.

No matter what the classes were doing, they had to start with a solid foundation.

Tabatha Harrison



Freshman Adam Baker line dances in third hour physical education

class with his other classmates



Senior Pablo Russi practices to play for an assembly during his first hour Band class.

Senior Marvin Scott plans as he draws the details for his French class mask for Mardi Gras.





Elizabeth Schillke, eight grader, watches a video in her third hour history class.

Seventh grade students learn the fundamentals of whiffle ball during sixth hour physical education class.





Terri Ballard, junior, works with construction paper on her Spanish Christmas project. The class made Christmas cards in Spanish and English to send to a family member for the holidays.

#### Reflecting on Life

Eight graders Enrique Zepeda and Nicole Pardo and seventh grader Rachael Guerrero put the final touches on a pinata during fourth hour BESO class.

# Past, Present, or Future?

What were you thinking? That was a question many asked during class when they learned and read about the people and images from the past and reflected on their achievements and impact.

English students read novels and plays such as Jumping the Nail, Killing Mr. Griffin, Comedy of Errors, Romeo and Juliet and Julius Caesar. They also completed projects to apply language arts skills.

Students enrolled in social studies and history studied the victories and misfortunes of people from the past. They finished reports and projects to show how much they had learned.

Art students painted, drew, colored, designed and used their architectural skills to explore shapes and textures. Their creativity reflected aspects of life.

As the year concluded, students received answers to their questions and acquired more knowledge as they reflected on life.

Jabatha Harrison



Art teacher Mr. Paul Volk displays a picture of Chicago to illustrate perspective to sixth hour seventh grade art students.





Sophomores Ricky Baron, Christa Serles and Kyriake Mamaes complete a worksheet in seventh hour sophomore English. Their subject was Julius Caesar.



Caught up in paper and tape, sophomore Paul Smith uses colorful wrapping paper to complete a Christmas project in first hour sophomore English. Paul wrote

a thank-you essay and wrapped the gift for his mother.



Andrew Rodriguez, eight grader, completes a crossword puzzle worksheet reviewing his spelling words. Andrew completes an English assignment in Mrs. Tina Clindaniel's seventh hour class.

Freshman Joshua Smith uses a wood lathe in sixth hour woods class to make a project. Josh constructed a baseball bat.

#### **Solving Life's Problems**

# **Building Blocks** of Life

day no matter where one is or what one is doing. In classes, students explored new ideas and found new ways to solve problems.

In mathematics. students took pencil to paper to seek solutions to questions.

Technology classes, woods, metals and drafting completing projects. Some built items such as small tables, chairs and a

Problems occur every- wooden rocking horse.

In business classes. students worked on their keyboarding skills and accounting to develop future job skills.

Sometimes, if you're not part of the solution you're part of the problem. Therefore, a variety of classes offered the opportunity for students to work cooperatively to solve problems

Tabatha Harrison





Searching the Internet, Jasmina Perez, senior, inputs information into the computer during third hour keyboarding class.



Jason Scott, senior, checks the velocity and pull of gravity on the baseball in Mr. Jason Quigg's third hour calculus class. Jason repeated the procedure with a soccer ball and a tennis ball as a part of the classroom assignment.

Erica Mullins, junior, tries to better her skills by completing a page in her third hour keyboarding class textbook.





Reviewing a quiz, Stephanie Santiago, senior, receives help on her quiz in Mr. Jason Quigg's sixth hour calculus class.

The Choir performs Jailhouse Rock at their spring concert. The concert took place on Monday, May 4 in the round.



Krystal Carroll
1980-1998
Krystal graduated from River
Forest with honors and was a
member of National Honor Society,
Drama Club and yearbook staff
during her freshman year. She was
president of the Choir and was vote
1998 Most Valuable Choir Member.
Krystal performed in Musical
Revues her junior and senior years.
She served as an assistant to Miss
Diane Smith and to the kindergartet
teacher at RF Elementary. She was





Junior Melissa Bagley and senior Jessica Heridia provide a little entertainment while waiting for the show to begin at Fort Liberty. Fort Liberty, a dinner and dance show, was attended by Band students during their trip to Florida.



Singing a solo, eighth grader Jonna Claxton performs with other junior high students in a talent show. The musical event took place during sixth and seventh hours.





Senior Class members Steve Duran and Jennifer Karageorge color the days for the countdown to graduation during Mrs. Natalie Keller's Fifth hour English class.

# Coming To A Halt

Blizzard '98, rain, flowers blooming, and the primary election were all things buzzed about in New Chicago and all of Northwest Indiana during the spring months. The snow came down the week before the Band left for Florida. It kept the community out of school for three days, which had to be made up at the end of the year by

one and all, including seniors.

Spring was a busy season as always. Events to plan and prepare included the Band trip, spring concerts, the Musical Revue, field trips, the blood drive, Prom, Honor Days and Graduation. Practices, permission slips and shopping were top priorities.

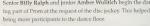
In the spring, there were

some who were just *Going Through The Motions*. They continued playing sports such as track, softball, baseball and golf. Preparations were also in order for academic competitions.

Suddenly, it was a small world *Coming to a Halt*. Just four days after graduation, the death of senior **Krystal** Carroll stunned graduates, staff and students.

Mary Temke

Senior Billy Ralph and junior Amber Wulitich begin the dancing part of Prom at the request of the disc jockey. This helped to





Jeff Long, senior, and date Talley Ramsey enjoy a romantic dance during the night of Prom.





Jasmina Perez, senior, and her friend, Danny Sanchez, participate in one of the many fast songs played during the evening.



Capturing a special moment, senior Marvin Scott dances with his date, Jamille Meeks.



# One Perfectly Priceless Night

Chilly but pleasant weather helped enhance the beautiful surroundings of Woodland Park and transport guests into a romantic environment. As Prom participants stepped out of their newly washed vehicles, they arrived dressed in glittering gowns and fitted tuxedos. A fountain and a hall decorated in black and red helped set the mood for this

year's theme, One Rose, One Kiss, One Night.

May 9 was a night to remember with lots of activities," explained Rhianna Donnelly, Student Council president.

The Grand March began at 6:30 p.m. This traditional event gave everyone a chance to capture center stage attention. Following the Grand March, Junior

Class officers read words the Electric Slide. from the memory book, which was presented as a souvenir to each participant. Later, guests enjoyed a family-style dinner at 7 p.m. Dynamic Music, the disc jockey, began picked up the pace with dancing at 9 p.m. The disc jockey also hosted the garterand-tie exchange and other party favorites such as The Train and

Root Studios photographed couples, and souvenirs for the event included a stem glass or mug, a photograph frame and a memory book.

"The most memorable moment for me was when my boyfriend, Phil Guerrero, dedicated a song in my honor!" exclaimed Elica Del Valle, sophomore.

Maria Aguilar



When it's time to dance as a group, RF students choose the Electric Slide. This time they receive a challenge from the disc jockey to "get down as low as you can go."

# Stealing the Spotlight

Lights...sound...action! Let the show begin! On May 21, students, parents and teachers entered the round auditorium for the Musical Revue entitled the Fabulous 50's.

The audience heard selections from *Grease*, *Bye Bye Birdie* and *West Side Story*. Director Miss **Diane Smith** added a little extra by singing three solos. One included the popular theme song *My Heart Will Go On* from the film *Titanic*.

Joining high school and

junior high school students in the production were elementary students and guest performers from other area schools.

Phantom of the Opera was also included with senior Jeremy Gallo as the Phantom and freshman Stephanie McKinney as Christine. Commenting on the musical role, Jeremy said, "I've always had a dream to portray the Phantom on Broadway,"

Becky Cisneros



Portraying the leads in Phantom of the Opera, senior Jeremy Gallo sings to the captive Christine, freshman Stephanie McKinney.





Seventh grader Veronica Shaikh and junior Erica Mullins sing to convince Conrad Birdie to stay,

Seventh grader Barbara Woodke and fifth grader Theresa Jansen hold signs for heart-throb Conrad Birdie .



#### Grease

Jeremy GalloDanny, Teen Angel
Erica MullinsRizzo
Stephanie McKinneySandy
Yolanda PuentesFrenchie
Jessica NunezMarty
Cassandra
WestmorelandPutzie
Becky WolfeDoody
Angela Hollinger Kenicky

John Trezak.....Vince Fontaine

## Phantom of the Opera

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Stephar	nie
	inney

### West Side Story

Jeremy Gallo
Christina PedrozaMario
Yolanda PuentesCarmen
Jessica NunezAnita
Angela HollingerBernardo
Cassandra WestmorelandRiff
Becky Wolfe
Jennifer PerkinsPrincipal

#### The Crew

Melissa Vaughan, Tammy Vaughan, Rudy Cano, Andy Degman, Jennifer Massey, Jessica DeFord.....Lights Erica Barrow.....Sound Krystal Carroll.....Make-up Mrs. Diane Chary.....Costumes Mrs. Jeanne Kapciak, Erica Barrow.....Accompanists

### Bye Bye Birdie

Jeremy Gallo	Нидо
Scott Kokandy	Conrad Birdie
Erica Mullins	Kim
Yolanda Puentes	Ursula
Jessica Nunez	Rose
John Trezak	Ed Sullivan

#### The Chorus

Angela Broughton Stacy Kapciak Keri Ostland

"This award goes to ...." Students, faculty and parents crowded into the gymnasium for Underclassman and Senior Awards Davs.

Underclassmen awards were distributed on May 29 during second and third hours. Awards included recognition for academics, clubs and sports. Juniors Angela Lopez and Michael Domsic received the American

Senior Mary Lemke receives congratulations from Miss Francie Blaney, yearbook adviser. Mary was named the Post-Tribune Most Valuable Staffer.

Legion, Department of Indiana Award.

Seniors were honored on June 1 during sixth and seventh hours. Michael Sellers was awarded highest honors in Spanish and received a certificate and medal. Valedictorian Vanessa Reeves and Salutatorian Harmony Kingery were awarded medals and trophies for achievement.

Becky Cisneros



Senior Jeremy Gallo receives the Jazz Band's top



Kristin Gilliana, junior, looks over her academic team certificate





Kelly Therault, senior, receives the Daughters of the American Revolution Award.

Freshman Billy Carns accepts a one-year perfect attendance certificate.





Sophomore Tracie Mezera accepts a certificate for achievement in Spanish.

## hrilling

# A Task Completed

As 89 RF seniors stood in line waiting for the playing of Pomp and Circumstance on June 5, feelings like eagerness, happiness, sadness, and some fear came over them. Each of them knew they would enter the gymnasium as students, but leave as graduates.

The ceremony began with a welcome from Alicia Long, Senior Class president. After the playing of the National Anthem by the Band, the Senior Class officers presented a commencement reading. Mr. Don Callahan, principal, told the graduates that it had been a fun year for him. Then the Choir sang *Reach*.

The guest speaker for the evening, Mr. Kevin Rudolph, 1977 graduate, compared investment in education to investment in business. The speaker encouraged students to continue through life to seek educational courses for advancement in opportunities.

Senior Jeremy Gallo played a saxophone solo, and Karen Kawohl and Maria Aguilar read a passage from the Bible. The Band played My Heart Will Go On for the occasion. Salutatorian Harmony Kingery discussed memories and highlights of high school years, and Valedictorian Vanessa Reeves used proverbs to encourage fellow graduates to look to the future.

After the roll call by Dr. Robert Wright, guidance counselor, Class President Alicia Long and Student Council President Rhianna Donnelly lead the changing of the tassel.

Maria Aguilar

DeAngela Ward receives from Mr. Robert Marszalek, assistant superintendent, a 500 dollar scholarship from Dollars for Scholars. DeAngela was one of ten students who received a scholarship from donations to the program.





Harmony Kingerey, salutatorian, reminds her classmates to remember the good times which happened during high school.

Valedictorian Vanessa Reeves explains to classmates that she will miss them and advises them to never give up.

Jeremy Gallo performs his last saxophone solo as a student. As a member of Jazz Band, Jeremy was a popular soloist.







RF graduates say an emotional good-bye during the class song, It's So Hard to Say Good-bye to Yesterday.



Mr. Don Callahan, District i Principal of the Year, welcomes junior Derek Chirch into the National Honor Society.



Members of the Senior Class present Mr. Fred Baker with gifts. Mr. Baker was honored for his retirement.



Helping to think creatively, Mrs. Irma Cuevas helps Vikki Wallace, sophomore, with an idea for a Christmas card. Mrs. Cuevas was honored as the school corporation's Teacher of the Year.

# A is for apple

# Giving Credit Where Credit is Due

Some things require more than a polished apple! Although teaching is rewarding, sometimes recognition is in order. On awards day, teachers were given a little extra credit.

Mrs. Irma Cuevas, who has taught at River Forest for five vears was named River Forest Community School Corporation's District 1 Principal of the Year. Teacher of the Year. The award travels from school to school and the nominees are voted by fellow teachers.

Mr. Jim Reygaert was voted

by the faculty as Ouill and Scroll's Outstanding Teacher of the Year. This was the first year the society gave this honor. Mr. Revgaert was given a plaque and his name was placed on a permanent plaque in the office.

Mr. Don Callahan, principal, was nominated and voted as the There are twelve districts in the state and each one selects a principal. Each winner's name will be submitted to the state-wide contest in November of 1998.

Ms. Terry Watkins was also honored earlier in the year. She was given a Teacher Appreciation Award by the Quill and Scroll Society. She was awarded the honor for all her work with extracurricular activities.

The Senior Class honored Mr. Fred Baker, faculty member, for his years of service at RF. After 36 vears, he retired in the spring. The seniors recognized and presented him with gifts during Senior Honor Day.

Wendy Paceley



Demonstrating that he is an outstanding family man as well as teacher, Mr. Jim Reygaert spends quality time with his family and wife, Wanda. He was awarded Outstanding Teacher of the Year by the Quill and Scroll Society.

# Run...Throw, Make a Mark!

hen coming off the blocks, winding up for the toss, or clearing the bar, the boys and girls track teams experienced personal growth during their spring seasons. The girls team accomplishments were many. According to Coach Pat McNabb, there were so many first place ribbons that she lost count. This season proved to be the best in many years. Co-Most Valuable Players were senior Nicole Squires and sophomore Malissa Burge. The Most Improved Player award was captured by sophomore Callena Burns.

The boys team also progressed this year, but the challenge was their lack of players. Co-Most Valuable Players were senior Jeff Long and junior Javier Heridia. Junior Lance Schmit was named Most Improved Player.

Jody Sutton



Pushing for extra inches, senior Nicole Squires takes a giant leap in the long jump competition.



Malissa Burge, sophomore, competes in a running event at a home track meet.





Jason Perez, freshman, prepares to release the shot put to make a mark.







Junior Javier Heridia propels his body over the bar in the high jump event.

# HIGH

# Spirits Clinched

t was more than just a couple of toe touches, a Herkie, or a double-nine. In competition, the cheer squad captured a third place in March for large varsity, and the group also grabbed a spirit award over other schools competing at Valparaiso University. This was the first time in school history that the cheerleaders won any type of cheerleading award.

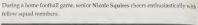
At the competition, the girls performed chants, a cheer, and a dance routine. Commenting on the squad's third place, senior **Nicole Squires** exclaimed, "I was very excited because we (squad) worked very hard, and I think that we deserved it!"

The cheerleaders also conducted many fundraisers, which included selling balloons at basketball games and a cheer clinic, a car wash, a rummage sale, and a bowling charity fund-raiser for a teen in need of a transplant.

Ruth Norman



RF cheerleaders perform a chant during a home boys basketball game to get the crowd pumped up.







Demonstating school spirit and dedication, RF Cheerleaders sing Football Games during the Football Homecoming assembly.

Sophomore Brooke Ostrander helps support the football team by getting the crowd excited during a home game.





RF cheerleaders perform for the audience during the Whiting Performing a side hurdler during a home football game, junior sectional pep rally in the Bill Logan Gymnasium during seventh 
Elizabeth Lockhart encourages the croud to participate.



# Putt, Putt, Putt

hole-in-one, birdie and double-bogie are more than just golf expressions. To the avid golfer, they are a way of life!

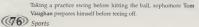
The RF Golf Team improved during their season. Some improvement came from first year golfer sophomore Tom Vaughan. Coach Dennis Leonard described Tom as showing great potential for the future.

Some highlights for the season were posted by senior Jeff Guined, who had a score of 91 in sectional. Brian Ray, senior, captured a hole-in-one on the ninth at Indian Ridge. Coach Dennis Leonard said, "We have six young sophomore golfers that need to practice as much as they can to prepare for next year. If they do, I'm sure we can get to where we want to be."

Senior Jeff Guined lines up for a putt during a match at Indian Ridge.









Tapping the putt, sophomore Alex Mefford concentrates on making contact with the ball.

Taking practice shots, sophomore Jon Horn warms up before competition.









Sophomore Paul Arnold watches the direction of his swing Doing his best to get onto the green, senior Chris Carlson tries to dig out of a sand trap.





DeAngela Ward, senior, slams the ball at the net during a practice.



Senior Meagan Wilson prepares to return the ball during a practice.

# Don't You Just 'Love' Top Honors?

he girls tennis team posted a season to remember. Highlights included the best record in school history! The squad clinched seventeen wins and only two losses.

Tracie Mezera, sophomore, was All-Conference at number two singles, and junior Angela Lopez was

All-Conference at number three singles. The team finished with a second in the Northwest Hoosier Conference Tourney.

Senior Harmony Kingery said, "It was great to be sectional champs, and best of all, it was my senior year. I will always remember this!"

Outstanding awards for

this year's team included Most Valuable Player, which was shared between Tracie Mezera and Angela Lopez. Most Improved Player was Harmony Kingery.

Coach Detterline said. "This year was the best season and team I have had in many years."

Wendy Paceley



Christal Lightfoot, junior, reaches high to return a practice shot.



Amber Varney, junior, attempts a save while warming up before a competition.

# HIT, RUN, SCORE!

atter up!
These familiar words
echoed in the spring
air as the baseball
season began.

This year's baseball teams did not accomplish all they had hoped for; however, this year's Varsity Baseball Team was victorious against Hobart. On a home field, the Ingots beat the Brickies for the first time in many years.

Reflecting on the season, Coach Jim Pieper explained, "This year's playing experience will make us a better team next year." The Varsity squad ended their season with a record of 5-23.

The JV Baseball
Team improved
much since the '97
season. The squad set
a school record with
18 hits and a win
against Wheeler. The
JV squad ended the

'98 season with a 3-5 record. Indicating the team's progress, Coach John Gutierrez explained that the "young squad was comprised of mostly freshmen. If they (same players) return, the future is bright."

This year's softball teams were coached by a newcomer, Mr. Jason Ouigg (Varsity). Mr. Ioe Burleson was IV coach. The team compiled a record of 5-17. Prior to the beginning of the season, the squad's goals were to improve in total batting average and ERA. At the conclusion of the season, the batting average rose by 60 points, and the team ERA decreased 10 points. However, their goal of a 500 season eluded the young team.

Coach Quigg indicated, "I was

apprehensive about coaching the girls because they were a very young team. However, after I got used to coaching, things started working out well. I had a good group of girls who did everything to the best of their abilities." The coach

predicted, "Watch out for us next year!"

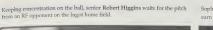
The JV softball squad set a new school record with the most wins in school history. The team endeavored to achieve throughout the season and finished 3-6.

Eva Piesyk

Attempting to make contact with the ball, freshman Steve Peek puts effort into his swing.











Playing shortstop, freshman Courtney Krasoczka gets in ready position to field an infield hit.

Sophomore Annie Kearby hits the ball down the third-base line in an effort to earn a place on the first-base bag.





Winding up on the pitcher's mound, senior Steve Petri prepares to deliver a pitch to the batter at home plate.

# **Spring Sports Scrapbook**



Varsity Baschall Team: front row: Angel Rosado, Jesse Cattin, Billy Ralph, Eliezer Fontanez; row 2: Mike Sellers, Robert Higgins, Juan Salas, Tony Knies; back row: Mike Domsic, Steve Petri, Thomas Lane and Coach Jim Pieper.

Coach	Captain	MVP	MIP
Jim Pieper	Steve Petri	Steve Petri	Mike Domsic



Softball Teams: front rome Jennifer Massey, Leticia Verduzco, Courtney Krasoczka, Nicole Squires, Annie Kearby, Veronica Mundo, Becky Phillipe; row 2: Jamie Sellers, Andrea Gooseman, Susie Roth, Jessica Sutton, Brooke Ostrander, Heidy Mills, Ruth Norman; huk'row: Coach Joe Burleson, Pia Squires, Jennifer Clifford, Andrea Neyhart, Melissa Bagley, Stephanie Santiago, Amber Alexander and Coach Josan Quigg.

Coaches	Captains	MVP	MIP
Jason Quigg	Natalie Cartagena	Brooke	Nicole Squires
Joe Burleson	Brooke Ostrander	Ostrander	Stephanie Santiago
Joe Burieson	brooke Ostrander	Ostrander	Stephanie Santiago

### Varsity Baseball

RF		Орр.
5	North Newton	16
0	North Newton	14
5	Hobart	4
0	Hammond High	10
0	North Judson	10
7	North Judson	18
5	Westville	0
5 4 5 7	Wheeler	32
5	Lake Station	9
	Lake Station	9
0	Munster	9
11	Wirt	1
0	Kankakee Valley	12
0	Kankakee Valley	15
1	Kouts	11
0	Rensselaer	14
2	Rensselaer	12
12	Lew Wallace	0
0	South Central	10
0	Lowell	12
1	Lowell	22
0	Hanover Central	8
0	Griffith	9
1	Hebron	13
2	Gavit	25
9	Morgan Twp.	4
0	Boone Grove	15
3	North Newton	14

### Varsity Softball

RF		Opp.
1	Kouts	9
2	Hebron	24
4	Morgan Twp.	20
1	Lowell	11
0	Gavit	11
1	Kankakee Valley	24
3	North Newton	15
Win	West Side	Forfeit
3	Washington Twp.	11
6	Hanover Central	12
6	Hobart	2
4	North Newton	10
7	Morgan Twp.	23
6	Munster	8
25	Wirt	2
9	Calumet	11
7	Lake Station	8
1	Hammond Clark	7
14	Rensselaer	13
2	Whiting	4
17	Westville	1
	Sectional,	
2	Marquette	8

### **Boys Track**

RF		Opp.
L	Lake Station	W
W	Calumet Baptist	L
L	Hebron	W
W	Boone Grove	L
L	Marquette	W
L	Morgan Twp.	W
W	Calumet Baptist	L
W	Marquette	L
L	Lowell	W
L	Hanover	W
W	South Central	L



Boys Track Team: front row: Victor Arocho, Joe Bull, Robert Higgins, Javier Heridia, Alex Cisneros; row 2: Lance Schmidt, John Shannon, Jeff Long, Brian Drwecki, Nathan Otero, Primo DelValle; back row: Coach Jim Weitzel, Jason Tschopp, Jason Perez, Francisco Cuevas, Angel Rosado, Brandon Crofton and Coach Jack Burton

Coaches **Jack Burton** Jim Weitzel Robert Higgins

MVP's Jeff Long Javier Heridia MIP Lance Schmidt

### Girls Track

RF		Opp.
63	Lake Station	59
70	Washington Twp.	51
71	Marquette	75
71	Calumet Baptist	8
80	South Central	68
80	Calumet Baptist	4



Girls Track Team: front row: Stephanie Lyle, Callena Burns, Nicole Squires, Becky Cisneros, Marialena Dominguez; row 2: Alison Patterson, Lolita Christopher, Krissy Caporale, Beth Weger, Misty Borens, Jeanne Byrd; back row: Coach Pat McNabb, Jeffrey McNabb, Kim Skalik, Malissa Burge, Kristin Gilliana and Coach Lyle Neal.

Coaches Pat McNabb Lyle Neal

MVP's Nicole Squires Malissa Burge

MIP Callena Burns

# **Spring Sports Scrapbook**



Golf Team: front row: Tom Vaughan, Paul Arnold, Alex Mefford, John Horn; back row: Brain Ray, Andy Degman, Jeff Guined, Chris Carlson and Coach Dennis Leonard.

### Coach Dennis Leonard





Girls Tennis Team: front row: Jennifer Karageorge, Vanessa Reeves, Harmony Kingery, Meagan Wilson, Alicia Long, DeAngela Ward; back row: Coach Al Detterline, Tracie Mezera, Angela Lopez, Fernanda Heridia, Amber Varney and Crystal Lightfoot. Al Detterline
Captain
Harmony Kingery
MVP'S
Tracie Mezera
Angela Lopez
MIP
Harmony Kingery

Coach





JV Baseball Team: front row: Kevin Wilson, Miguel Astorga, Marc Remus, Matt Kennedy; row 2: Ryan Harder, David Fontanez, Steven Peek, Frank Nuzzo; back row: Coach John Gutierrez, Matt Roach, Tim Lyle and Jason Tschopp.

Coach John Gutierrez

JV Baseball RF Opp Kankakee Valley Lake Station W W Wheeler Hobart W W Portage W Washington Twp. W Hanover Chesterton

Junior High Cheerleaders

Coach



Junior High Cheerleaders: Elizabeth Schillke, Sarah Saylor and Melissa

### Junior High Girls Track

RF		Opp.
L	Washington Twp.	W
L	Lake Ridge	W
L	Hanover Central	W
L	Lake Station	W
L.	Michigan City	W

Coaches
Jim Spencer
Amanda Stutler
MVP
Elizabeth Hall
MIP
Natalie Quinlan



Junior High Girls Track Team: fout now. Elizabeth Persley, Lestie Blankenship, Natalie Quinlan, Elizabeth Hall, Marja Wilson, Malleri Newcomb; back row. Coach Rodney Thompson, Leann Citillian, Kara Komenich, Erika Perez, Kristina Komenich, Toni Kennedy, Silvia Montes and Coach Amanda Stutler.

### Junior High Boys Track

RF		Орр
54	Willowcreek	46
51	Hanover	49
86	Lake Station	10
59	Michigan City	41
49	Lake Ridge	51

Coaches
Jim Spencer
Kirk Whiting
Eighth Grade, MVP
Rafael Price
Seventh Grade, MVP
Dustin Coleman
Eighth Grade, MIP
Tom Ling
Seventh Grade, MIP
Mike Fay



Junior High Boys Track Team; print row: Steve Thompson, Enrique Zepeda. De Puzzza, Isaira Carlson, Ricardo Rodriquez, Matt Paul, Mike Fsy Chuck Roth, Jack Stoddard, Dustin Coleman, Tom Ling; back row: Coach Jim Spencer, Sal Montes, Brant Heavin, Mike Minarche, Rafael Price, Chris Davis, Stacey Gumm, Elijah Gregory, James Cruz, Danny Farthing, Ed Stoiancevich, Arron Gutlerez and Coach Kirk Whiting Alicia Long

Alicia graduated third in her class in 1998. Alicia served as a member of the National Honor Society and Student Council. The honor student was also Senior Class President.



Jason Scott a

Jason gradu

Jason graduated seventh in his class in 1998. Jason was a member of the National Honor Society and was involved in Academic Decathlon and Super Bowl.



Beth Weger

Beth graduated fourth in her class in 1998. Beth was a member of the National Honor Society. She also participated in volleyball, basketball, track and softball during her years in high school.



DeAngela Ward

DeAngela graduated eighth in her class in 1998. She participated in the National Honor Society, Spell Bowl, Academic Decathlon and Super Bowl.



Mary Lemke

Mary graduated fifth in her class in 1998. Mary's activities included the National Honor Society, Quill and Scroll, Spell Bowl, Academic Decathlon, and Super Bowl. She also served as editor of the 1998 Ingot yearbook.



Liz Cano

Liz graduated ninth in her class in 1998. Liz was a member of the National Honor Society and Student Council.



Jacqueline Bojorquez

Jacqueline graduated sixth in her class in 1998. She was a member of the National Honor Society and was involved with Drama Club, the Musical Revue, and the *Ingot Informer* newspaper.



Nicole Squires

Nicole graduated tenth in her class in 1998. She was a member of the National Honor Society and Student Council and served as Senior Class Vice President. In Cheerleading she was NCA All-American.



Valedictorian Vanessa Reeves admires her valedictory trophy presented by Mr. Don Callahan, principal, at the Senior Honor Day assembly.

# Vanessa Reeves

Vanessa graduated first in the Senior Class. She participated in the National Honor Society, Spell Bowl, Academic Decathlon, Super Bowl, Hoosier Girls State and All-Conference Academic team.



# Going the Distance

ho says that hard work and determination doesn't pay off? Getting to the top ten in your class isn't exactly an easy task. It's a much hard work, especially if you are in sports, have a job, or are involved in any other school activities.

These students achieved the distinction and posted the highest honors in the Class of 1998. They were presented honor cords on June 1 at Senior Honor Day to commemorate their accomplishments.

Ruth Norman



Salutatorian Harmony Kingery expresses emotion by hugging a fellow classmate following the ceremony of the turning of the tassels on graduation night.

# Harmony Kingery

Harmony graduated second in the Senior Class. Harmony's activities included National Honor Society, Spell Bowl, Academic Decathlon and Super Bowl. She was the Football Homecoming Queen in '97.



Senior Class President and Student Council member Alicia Long ties little red ribbons on the Christmas tree that the Council placed in the lobby for the



During the sectional basketball assembly, senior Mary Lemke, Quill and Scroll president, announces to the student body that Ms. Terry Watkins was given a Teacher Appreciation Award from the Quill and Scroll Society. Ms. Watkins was honored for all her work and dedication to River Forest.



Different Tasks

# Keeping an Emphasis on Leadership

Being a part of an honorary or student government requires more than just accumulating grades or getting elected. Projects and trips were major concerns of the organizations during the year.

Quill and Scroll Society gained seniors Eva Piesyk and Margaret Allen in the fall. The society's projects included making picture frames. They sold the frames to raise money for an Outstanding Teacher Award and a Teacher Appreciation Award. Ms. Terry Watkins was awarded the Teacher Appreciation Award and Mr. Jim Reygaert was honored as Outstanding Teacher. At the end of the school year, the Quill and Scroll Society hosted a banquet for members and their families.

On March 26, the

Honor Society inducted 12 new members. After the ceremony, the new inductees and their parents were welcomed with cookies and punch. Speeches were given by Mr. Don Callahan, principal, and senior Alicia Long, president, at the ceremony. The society also sold necklaces and made sweetheart valentines to raise money for the club.

On May 21 the Honor

Society took an educational tour around Chicago. They traveled to North Pier for a boat tour. Afterwards, they were allowed to explore Navy Pier.

Student Council members hosted the back-to-school dance at the beginning of the year. They also raised money for the Children Defense Fund.

Margaret Allen



Mr. Don Callahan, principal, gives sophomore Roberto Hernandez his Honor Society pin and a card at the spring induction ceremony. Roberto was inducted along with 12 other new members.



After the National Honor Society induction, new members and their parents are welcomed with a reception of cookies and punch.



Senior Margaret Allen, Quill and Scroll treasurer, makes frames to raise money for the Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award and the Teacher Appreciation Award.

# ractice, Practice, Practice

# Hard Work Makes for (Almost) Perfect

What do you get when you put hours of studying and practicing together? The Academic Teams weren't exactly perfect but they definitely indicated that hours of study and practice do pay off.

In the fall, the Spell Bowl team traveled to Portage. There they spelled their way to a F-I-R-S-T P-L-A-C-E in the third division. They spelled 55 out of 90 words correctly.

In the winter, the Decathlon Team competed at Kankakee Valley. Their DE-liberate efforts won them a third place in their division. Jason Scott and Vanessa Reeves showed much DE-termination by placing high in their categories.

In the spring, the Super Bowl Team's conference meet was held at Wheeler. They put forth Superb effort and returned home with second places in English and science and a third place in math. The team also put forth a Superior effort and won first place in interdisciplinary, the team missed qualifying for state by one point.

Sophomore Leticia Verduzco makes her was across the stage to receive a ribbon. She placed second science at the area Decathlon competition.







Junior Kristin Gilliana attempts to spell a word correctly while practicing for the area meet.

After placing third for her essay, senior Angel Gilarski proudly accepts her ribbon at the area Decathlon meet.







Senior Jason Scott watches his teammates receive their awards at the Decathlon competition. The event was held at North Judson.

Senior Joe Bull, junior Patty Gallegos and senior Vanessa Reeves confer before giving a Super Bowl answer to a math problem.



Sophomore Tabatha Harrison receives a yearbook staff pin for her participation as a staff member from Miss Francie Blaney, adviser.



Freshman Pia Squires, yearbook staffer, looks for ideas in yearbooks from other schools at the Merrillville Idea Workshop Program.



Looking over her spread, senior Jacqueline Bojorquez makes sure she has no mistakes before she submits the final newspaper page.



Editor Mary Lemke, senior, presents a gag award to freshman Becky Cisneros at the Quill and Scroll yearbook banquet.

# Work for Perfection

# Keeping Busy

Keeping on task was what newspaper and yearbook staffs needed to accomplish to meet all deadlines.

The *Ingot* yearbook staff experienced a great beginning with all the attention from last year's book. The cover of the 1997 book appeared in a slide presentation in the U.S. and Europe.

Yearbook staffers attended a field trip at Merrillville High School for the 1998 Idea Workshop Program on September 29. At this time, the students were able to look at other schools' yearbooks, and they attended seminars on captions and copy blocks. Near the end of the day, the staffers worked together with a company artist to design and create the 1998 cover. Mary Lemke, senior, served as editor for the 1998 Insot.

Although they experienced computer problems, *Ingot Informer* newspaper staff members dedicated themselves to producing editions. They were able to make six issues before the year ended. The staff was lead by senior co-editors **Stacey Shrewsbury** and **Sarah Farthing**.

Margaret Allen



Senior Sarah Farthing, co-editor of the *Ingot Informer*, uses PageMaker to lay out a newspaper spread as the deadline approaches.

Hallelujah! The Choir performs Battle Hymn of the Republic during the Veteran's Day Assembly.





Commanding the field, Mary Lemke, senior, directs the Golden Ingot Marching Band during a football game.

Browsing through a Florida trinket shop, juniors Jessica DeFord and Tiffans Bowen consider which jewelry to purchase.





Sounding the trumpet, sophomore Mike Lopez plays Conquista during halftime

Waiting for the musical selection to begin, freshmen Stephanie McKinney and April Lewis wait for their cue from the choir director.



# It's not just all fun

# Measures of Success

Being a member of a musical group may seem like it is a privilege, but in reality it is much work.

Band members participated in activities such as fund-raisers, performances and a spring trip.

Hard work and sweat went into many hours of early morning practices to make their performance and the Florida trip the best. For one week, students and chaperones had fun in the sun. The group spent March 17 to the 22 in Orlando. They participated in Disney's Magic Music Days Parade.

Jazz Ensemble held their twentieth Jazz Fest on Thursday, April 23. Three other bands joined with River Forest to give the audience a musical extravaganza of jazz sounds.

Hitting the right note, the Choir included many exciting activities such as fund-raisers, performances and field trips.

The group attended the play "Grease" on March 28 and they performed at Christmas at Southlake Mall on December

For all the musical groups, the year of hard work and dedication paid off at their annual concerts, Jazz Fest and the Musical Revue.

Melody Brawley

Attention, Ingots! Senior Stephanie Santiago stands at attention and waits for the Band to begin marching at halftime.

### Cotta have fun

# Viva Cuisine

Throughout the year, the French and Spanish Clubs engaged in cultural activities.

French Club members attended a field trip to *Hot or Not* restaurant for Cajun cuisine. Foods included alligator tails, crawfish and a variety of rices. The group also sold crepes to raise money.

Spanish Club members held many bake sales and on one occasion, they sold tostados. The group also sponsored a dance. Spanish Club members participated in a canned food drive to help the needy. All their efforts paid off with their trip to Brookfield Zoo on May 21.

Meloldy Brawley



Freshman Marialena Dominguez works on a Day of the Dead project.





Nathan Romo, junior, stands patiently waiting for a topping. The toppings included strawl ries and chocolate pudding.

Having fun yet? French Club members participate in making crepes for one of the club's fund-raisers.











Eighth graders Emily Cheek and Kara Komenich relax while they enjoy eating freshly made crepes.

Hoping to raise money, Spanish Club members wait for patrons to purchase baked goods.

As the spotlights illuminate, actors Kim Skalik, junior, and Jennifer Massey, freshman, run lines for dress rehearsal.

Taking the stage, Jackie Bojorguez, senior, informs the audience about the action that is ahead.









Melissa Bagley and Jessica DeFord, juniors, portray the evil Ice Cream Clones.



Freshman Joel Soto appears as King Dumb in the two-act play, The Clumsy Custard Horror Show.

# Who has Stage Fright?

# An Enchanting Visit to Zob, Proper or Improper?

For the group's third season, Drama Club presented The Clumsy Custard Horror Show by William Gleason. The play took place in the round on November

The two-act comedy's setting was in the mythical land of Zob. The play was described as a

ribald romp past the Evil Ice Cream Clones, through the lair of the Clumsy Custard and into the dark world of Zob Improper.

Mrs. Diane Chary, director, described the production as "amenable to any age level, as there were kings and queens, bad guys, a good chase scene and lots of action throughout the play."

Twenty cast members worked on the fall production. Mrs. Tina Clindaniel served as the technical director.

The Drama Club gained some assistance from the Community Theatre Guild. The Guild helped to costume the actors by opening wardrobe storage to the cast for use.

Melody Brawley



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Cast of Players	Characters
Krystal Carroll	Arnis Boheme
Andrew Degman Sw	ashbuck Valparaiso
Erica Mullins	Worfle
Kim Skalik	Princess Prince
Joel Soto	King Dumb
Jeremy Gallo	Dacron
Jennifer Massey	Alphasia
Steve Palmer	Malforce
Melissa Bagley	Polly
Jessica DeFord	Ester
Amanda Palmer	Head
Melissa Ballard	Sir Prize
Cassandra Westmorela	nd Sir Vival
Angela Schneegas	Sir Cumference
Sarah Russi	Usher#1
Maria Burge	Usher#2
Jackie Bojorquez	Director
Hope Green, Kara Kor	nenich
and Elizabeth Schillke	Clumsy Custard
Allison Patterson	Bolliba
Erica Barrow	Sound Design
Mrs. Diane Chary	Director
Mrs Tipo Clindonial	Technical Director



A master of evil deeds, senior Jeremy Gallo portrays Dacron, the Lord of Zob Improper.

Seventh grade Gold Club members Rachel McKinny, Jackie Nord and Justin Carlson select trays for pizza.

Junior High Gold Club students receive pizza and soda as a reward for maintaining academic excellence,







Eighth grade Gold Club members Leanne Cicillian, Elizabeth Hall and Toni Kennedy gather on the stage in the multipurpose room for pizza and music.

Eighth grader Sarah Saylor acts as disc jockey for the Gold Club pizza party/dance.





Amid hearts and colorful lights, eighth grader Thomas Ling and seventh grader Jenny Hartman share a moment at the Student Council Valentine's Dance

# Fractices, Parties and Field Trips

# Change good or bad?

Starting the year with some change. Sound fun? For junior high clubs, fun was exactly their pursuit.

The Gold Club changed to meet students' needs. They began by electing students who try hard in classes and exhibit good behavior. As a reward for doing well, they attended the following field trips: Camelot Lanes, Cressmoor, Burger King, McDonald's, Arby's, the Munster Performing Arts Center production of *The Jungle Book*, the Shed Aquarium, the Adler Planetarium and Celebration Station. They ended the year with a Lock-In and

pizza party/dance.

Junior High Student Council hosted their annual Valentine's Dance. The dance included the crowning of King and Queen and also the Prince and Princess. The Council also held a photo fund-raiser.

Junior High Academic
Team members studied aspects
of the Industrial Revolution
and genetics. They competed
May 9 against 18 schools. The
competition was held at
Kankakee Valley Middle
School. The RFJH squad received a fifth place in English,
and a ninth place in science.

Pia Squires



Josh Halcom, seventh grader, studies for academic team the day before the big competition against 18 other schools.

Junior High Clubs (101)

# Clubs Scrapbook



Honor Society: front row: Stephanie Santiago, Kelly Therault, Mary Lemke, Nicole Squires, Alicia Long; row 2: Kristin Gilliana, Stephanie Jansen, Rhianna Donnelly, Jacqueline Bojorques, Sarah Saalwaechter, Mendee Taylor; back row: Brian Drwecki, Lisa Russi, Vanessa Reeves, Kevin Wilson, Harmony Kingery, Sarah Farthing and DeAngela Ward.



Patricia Gallegos, Candy Robinson; back row: Matthew Doffin, Alexander Lee, Katie Butchko, Gary

# Social Studies Club: front row: Rick Mearse, Rhianna Donnelly, Amanda Harris, Natalie Cartagena,

Quill and Scroll Society: front row: Eva Piesyk, Mary Lemke, Christal Pavlik; back row: Margaret Allen, Sarah Farthing and Stacey Shrewsbury.

### High School **Honor Society**

Sponsors Kathy Hooks Kirk Whiting President Alicia Long Vice President Vanessa Reeves Secretary Nicole Squires Treasurer Kristen Gilliana

### Social Studies Club

Sponsors Kirk Whiting Ronald Hughes President Gary Moss Vice President Katie Butchko Secretary Jaqueline Bojorquez

Treasurer Patricia Gallegos

### Quill and Scroll Society

Svonsor Francie Blaney President Mary Lemke Vice President Christal Pavlik Secretary Eva Piesyk Treasurer Margaret Allen

### **High School Student** Council

Svonsors Pat McNabb Terry Watkins President Rhianna Donnely Vice President Jason Varney Secretary Mendee Taylor Treasurer Liz Cano



High School Student Council: front row: Tiffany Szpagara, Rhianna Donnelly, Nicole Squires, Alicia Long, Becky Chirch; row 2: Kristin Gilliana, Courtney Krasoczka, Maria Aguilar, Jennifer Karageorge, Cassandra Cruz; back row: Adam Baker, Derek Chirch, Kevin Wilson, Jason Varney and Callena Burns.

### Junior High Student Council

Sponsors Diane Charv Sally Weitzel President Richard Butchko



Junior High Student Council: front row: Erin Kempski, Samuel Saalwaechter, Angel Schneegas, Mrs. Sally Weitzel; back row: Richard Butchko, Brittney Stoca and Jeanine Songer.

### Junior High Academic Team

Coach Sally Weitzel



Junior High Academic Team: front row: Enid Munoz, Josh Halcomb, Brianne Gilliana, Jeanine Songer, Angela Scheegas, Mrs. Sally Weitzel; back row: Mrs. Laura Johnson, Ray Hernandez, Richard Butchko, Danny Munoz, Kristina Komenich and Kara Komenich.

# Clubs Scrapbook



Spell Bowl Team: front row: Amber Wulitch, Kristin Gilliana, Wendy Paceley, Patricia Gallegos; row 2: Paul Arnold, Angel Gilarski, Vanessa Reeves, Leticia Verduzco, Nicole Squires; back row: Anthony Wittman, Joe Bull, Brian Ray, Harmony Kingery and Ricky Baron.

# Spell Bowl

Coaches

Kathy Hooks Lyle Neal



High School Decathlon Team: front row: Mr. Jason Quigg, Kristin Gilliana, Amber Wulitich, Patricia Gallegos, Mr. Lyle Neal; row 2: Paul Arnold, Vanessa Reeves, Leticia Verduzco, Mrs. Kathy Hooks; back row: Ricky Baron, Brian Ray, Joe Bull, Angel Gilarski and Mr. Jim Weitzel.

### High School Decathlon

Coaches

Kathy Hooks Lyle Neal Jason Quigg Iim Weitzel Francie Blaney



High School Super Bowl Team: front row: Mr. Jason Quigg, Kristin Gilliana, Amber Wulitich, Nicole Squires, Patricia Gallegos, Mrs. Kathy Hooks; row 2: Paul Arnold, Vanessa Reeves, Leticia Verduzco, Wendy Paceley, Mr. Lyle Neal; back row: Ricky Baron, Anthony Wittman, Brian Ray, Joseph Bull, Angel Gilarski, Harmony Kingery and Mr. Jim Weitzel.

### **High School** Super Bowl

Coaches Kathy Hooks Lyle Neal Francie Blaney **Jason Ouigg** Iim Wietzel

#### Spanish Club

Sponsor Irma Cuevas President Troy Mezera Vice President Natalie Cartagena Secretary /Treasurer Nicole Joseph



Spanish Club: front row: Maria Concepcion, Maria Cuevas, Natalie Cartagena, Lisa Russi, Adriana Tellez, Annette Sanchez; back row: Melody Brawley, Anthony Knies, Troy Mezera, Nicole Joseph, Shelly

#### French Club

Sponsor Danyelle Ware President Nicole Squires Vice President Stephanie Jansen Secretary Derek Chirch Treasurer Sarah Farthing



French Club: Stephanie Jansen, Nicole Squires, Derek Chirch.

#### **BESO**

Sponsor Maritza Madina



BESO: front row: Ms. Maritza Medina, Noemi Fontanez, Leticia Hernandez, Amanda Herrera; back row: Rene Garcia, Blanca Zepeda, Christina Zepeda and Joel Alverez.

## Clubs Scrapbook



Newspaper Staff: front row: Jill Loughran, Erica Barrow, Becky Chirch, Derek Chirch, row?: Tiffany Szparaga, Jacqueline Bojorquez, Mellisa Luellman, Tracie Mezera; back row: Gary Moss, Stacey Shrewsbury, Sarah Farthing, Angie Bell and Jeff Guined.

#### Newspaper

Adviser
Danyelle Ware
Editors
Sarah Farthing
Stacey Shrewsbury
Assistant Editor
Becky Chirch



Yearbook Staff: front row: Miss Francie Blaney, Wendy Paceley, Mary Lemke, Christal Pavlik, Eva Plesyk; row 2: Rebecca Cisneros, Margaret Allen, Jody Sutton, Pia Squires; back row: Melody Brawley, Tabatha Harrison, Maria Aguilar and Ruth Norman.

#### Yearbook

Adviser Francie Blaney Editor Mary Lemke Business Manager Christal Pavlik



Drama Club: front row: Alison Patterson, Sara Russi, Erica Barrow, Amanda Palmer, row 2: Angela Schneegas, Jessica DeFord, Melissa Bagley, Hope Green; back row: Jeremy Gallo, Andrew Degman, Elizabeth Schillke and Katherine Komenich.

#### Drama Club

Director
Diane Chary
Assistant Director
Tina Clindaniel

#### **High School Choir**

Sponsor Diane Smith President Krystal Carroll Vice President Maria Aguilar Secretary Melissa Harrison Treasurer Melissa Vaughan



High School Choir: front row: Amanda Palmer, Georgia Mitchell, Charity Rodriguez, Nathaniel Otero, Alexander Lee, Laurie Nafus, Tammy Vaughan, Degman, George Mendez, Johnny England, Jessica Nunez, Stephanie McKinney, Melissa Vaughan, April Lewis; row 3: Samantha King, Stacy Clark, Theresa Neeley, Jessica DeFord, Maria Aguilar, Christal Pavlik, Melissa Harrison, Cassandra Pennington; back row: Kathy King, Susan VanVleet, Linda Christena Besaw and Erica Mullins

#### Junior High Choir

Sponsor Diane Smith President Valerie Pennington Vice President Paulette Melhorn Secretary Erika Perez Treasurer Maria Wilson



Junior High Choir: front row. Barbara Ling, Josie Moore, Jennie Hartman, Veronica Shaikh, Michael Keller, Tom Krugar, Deanna Mullins, Erika Perez; row 2: Marie Wood, Valerie Pennington, Desiree Torres, Keith Lindahl, James Croy, Melissa Hinkle, Stephanie Devault, Marja Wilson; back row: Tara Camerena, Heather Aguilar, Angela Cavillo, Judy Venezuela, Sherrie Garner, Brandy Shultz, Paulette Melhorn and Erin Kempski.

#### **Auxiliary Corps**

Sponsor Suzan Galvin Rifle Captains Cassandra Cruz Harmony Kingery Flag Captains Stephanie Santiago Vanessa Reeves Jennifer Karageorge



Auxilary Corps: front row: Stephanie Santiago, Angelique Wilson, Patricia Gallegos, Annette Sanchez, Sarah Thompson, Rebecca Cisneros; row 2: Kristen Gilliana, Maria Lisa Russi, Ginny Nord, Andrea Neyhart, Harmony Kingery, Vanessa Reeves and Meagan Wilson.

## Clubs Scrapbook



Beginning Band; front row Kristen Gilliana, Sunni Paceley, Amanda Scott, Amanda Crotton, Vanessa Contreraz, Brittney Stoica, Jennifer Perkins, Becky Wolfe, Ashley Ayres; row 2: Kristin Komenich, Cassandra Westmoreland, Andres Verduzco, Jay Smith, Ryne Nunez, Enid Munoz, Josy Walters, Elizabeth Delorme, Becky DeGroot, Holly Westmoreland, Basti Gardner; row 3: Tim Gregory, Rebekah Free, Jennifer Oltano, Josh Holotomb, Bernard Jansen, Sergio Tellez, Mike Doffin, Amber Carnoll; back row Roger Knopp, Justin Horn, Danny Stanley, Danny Anderson, James Cruz, Aaron Gutierrez, Rudy Sanchez, Larry Swartz, Joshua Lewis, Adam Baker and Daniel Fontanez.



Intermediate Bandt from row: Mike Adams, Nicole Dagis, Hope Green, Rebecca Blackwell, Malleri Newcomb, Alicia Galardo, Kara Komenich, Natalie Quinlin, Sarah Saylor, Jonna Claxton, row 2: Nick Hardesty, Thereas Ivy, Sam Saalwaechter, Stacey Gumm, Becky DeGroot, Elizabeth Hall, Lee Ann Cicillian; back row: Chris Melendez, Eli Gregory, Mike Minarich, Ed Stojancevich, Angel Muniz, Steven Thompson, Dan Farthing, Tom Ling, Larry Swartz and Marco Nunez.



Jazz Band; front row: Erica Barrow, Heidy Mills, Jorge Renteria, Jeremy Gallo, Titfany Bowen; row 2: Noel Fontanez, Eric Gaskins, Jason Perez, Pablo Russi, Marvin Scott; back row: Brian Ray, James Wielogorski, Jason Saklak, Harry Manos, Chris Carlson and Gary Moss.



Pep Bands: front row: Erica Barrow, Ruth Norman, Jamie Sellers, Letica Verduzco, Jessica DeFord, Tiffany Bowen, Samantha King, Wendy Paceley, mo 2: Jason Rospers, Sarth Sasalwachter, Richard Baron, Kelly Therault, Annette Piesyk, Sara Thompson, Matt Doffin; row 3: Jeremy Gallo, Malissa Burge, Jessica Heridia, Heidy Mills, Angel Gliarski, Melissa Bagley, Cassandra Pazdur, Stacey Shrewsbury, Tim Dulin; back row: Eric Gaskins, Harry Manos, Gary Moss, Jason Perez, Adam Baker, Mike Sellers, Joe Bull, Harold Therault, Jason Sakki and Jim Welogorski.

#### **Beginning Band**

Director Weldon Slater

#### Intermediate Band

Director Rick Cheek

Jazz Band

Director Rick Cheek

#### Pep Band

Student Directors Mike Sellers Kelly Therault

#### High School Band

Weldon Slater Rick Cheek Field Commanders Mary Lemke Mendee Taylor Tiffany Bowen



High School Band: front row: Tiffany Bowen, Eva Piesyk, Kelly Therault, Mary Lemke, Adriana Tellez, Stephanie Santiago, Laurie Nafus, Tabatha Harrison; row 2: Jessica DeFord, Neyhart, Amber Cicillian, Jill Loughran, Shelly Therault, Melody Brawley, Melissa Bagley, Stacev Shrewsbury and Richard Baron.





High School Band: front row: Sarah Saalwaechter, Christa Serles, Brook Ostrander, Callena Burns, Annette Piesyk, Patricia Gallegos, Wendy Paceley, Angelique Wilson; row 2: Sara Russi, Samantha Pieszchala, Vanessa Reeves, Stephanie Jansen, Jeanette Podgorski, Susan Roth, Harmony Kingery; row 3: Burge, Jorge Renteria, Eddie Cartagena, Courtney Krasoczka, Troy Mezera; back row: Becky Nunez, Candy Robinson, Jessica Heridia, Heidy Mills, Matthew Roach, Jason Rogers, Erica Barrow, Jeremy Gallo, Tim Stone and Chris Carlson.

High School Band: front row: Lolita Christopher, Becky Cisneros, Michael Jimenez, Karen Kawohl, Nicole Squires, Alicia Long, Sarah Thompson; row 2: Angel Rosado, Javier Heridia, Natalie Cartagena, Pablo Russi, Jason Perez, Billy Ralph, Harry Manos; row 3: Jason Saklak, Michael Lopez, Adam Baker, Alex Mefford, Tim Dulin, Jason Varney; back row: Jesse Catlin, Gary Moss, Angel Gilarski, Mike Sellers, Joe Bull and Harold Therault.



High School Band: front row: Annie Kearby, Matt Doffin, Richie Hale, Eric Gaskins; back row: Danny Munoz, Primo Del Valle, Marvin Scott, Chris Carlson, Mike Domsic and Marialena Dominguez.



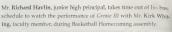




Mr. Don Callahan High School Principal

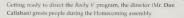
Mr. Monte Moffett High School Assistant Principal

Mr. Richard Havilin Jumor High Principal











Mr. Monte Moffett, assistant principal, joins in with senior Karen Kawohl during the *Grease III* assembly for Basketball Homecoming They danced to the song *Born to Hand Jive*.

River Forest Community School Board: front row: Mrs. Susan Pelfry, Board Member: Mrs. Barbara Bennell, secretary; back row : Mr. Richard Arnold, member: Mr. Harry N. Pedroza, vice-president; and Mr. Leonard M. Gaskins, president.



## SCHOOL YEAR SEES CHANGES

A new change occurred when the River Forest administration was notified that Superintendent Gerald McCullum was resigning. Mr. McCullum served as superintendent for eight years.

On December 17, the faculty and staff held a going away party for him. Mr. McCullum is now superintendent in Whiting.

Dr. Robert Cantrell was hired as the system's new superintendent.

Margaret Allen





Dr Robert Controll Mr. Robert W. Marszalek Assistant Superintendent







Dr. Robert Cantrell, new superintendent, and Mr. Harry N. Pedroza, school board member, view the River Forest basketball game against Lake Station.



Checking the status of a grant, Mr. Robert Marszalek, assistant superintendent, uses Email to contact the State Department of Education.

Mr. Gerald McCullum, outgoing superintendent, makes his last good-byes to the River Forest staff at his going away party held in the River Forest cafeteria.

# SO, WHY MIOL UP?

Do you like sweating at practice? Do you enjoy tooting your horn in the wee hours of the morning before school? Is it fun to ask for the millionth time, "Would you buy..."?

Although participating in activities can be time-consuming and of the total experience of high school.

During four years of high school, a student accumulates a variety of experiences and a wealth of abilities by joining up and giving that extra effort to an extracurricular activity.

Maria Aguilar: Student Council

Margaret Allen: Quill and Scroll

Troy Allen: Football 1.

Angela Bell: Auxiliary Corps 2; Choir

Jacqueline Bojorquez: Honor Society

Joseph Bull: Spell Bowl 3,4; Aca-Club 4: Boys Cross Country 1.2.3.4: Boys Basketball 1.2: Boys

Liz Cano: Honor Society 1,2,3,4; Corps 3,4; treasurer 4.

Kristina Caporale: Marching Band

Chris Carlson: Marching Band 1,2,3; Jazz Band 4: Football 1.4: Boys

Todd Compton: Marching Band 1,2;

Drama Club 2.4: Choir 1.2.3.4.

Cassandra Cruz: Student Council 2,4; Corps 1,2,3,4; Spanish Club 1;

Baseball 1,2,4; Bench Press Contest

Rhianna Donnelly: Honor Society

Tim Dulin: Student Council 1,2,

Jeremy Gallo: Drama Club 3,4,

Melissa Harrison: Choir 1,2,3,4, secretary 4; Spring Musical Revue

Jessica Heridia: Marching Band

Robert Higgins: Football 1,2,3,4; 2.3.4: Baseball 1: Bench Press

Stephanie Jansen: Honor Society Girls Cross Country 1,2; Volley

Robert Iov: Boys Tennis 2,3,4: Boy-

Jennifer Karageorge: Student Cheerleader 1; Spanish Club 1.4 secretary 1: French Club 3: Girl-

Karen Kawohl: Student Council

Harmony Kingery: Honor Society 2,3.4; Spell Bowl 3; Academic

Abancarone Borol | 2 /A, searce stylemature 3 / Austhary Corps | 2,4; Yearbook 1; Spanish Chile (e-president 4; Volleyball | 1,4; 1 rts Tennis 1,2,3,4; Girls seketball (2,2,3,4; Football

Thomas Lane: Football 1,2,3,4; Wrestling 1,2,3,4; Boys Track 2,4; Baseball 3,4; Mr. Football 4; Bench Press Contest 1,2,3,4.

Mary Lemke: Honor Society 2,3,4; Quill and Scroll Society 3,4; Spel Bowl 2.4; Academic Decathlon 2 Super Bowl 2,4; Marching Band 1,2,3,4; Auxiliary Corps 4; Yearbook 2,3,4; editor 3,4.

Alicia Long: Honor Society 2.3.4, president 4; Student Council 1,2,3.4; Marching Band 2,3.4; Cheerleader 1; Girls Tennis 1,2,7 Football Homecoming Queen Court 2,4; Class President 2,3.4; Class View President 1.

Jeffery Long: Football 1,3; Boys Basketball 1; Boys Track 1,4; Bench Press Contest 1,3,4.

Jereman Metendez: FOODAII 1,2,3,4.
Wendi Miller: Student Council 1,2,3;
Drama Club 2; Marching Band
1,2,3,4; Spanish Club 1; Girls
Jennis 1,2.

Heidy Mills: Marching Band 1,2,3,4 Pep Band 2,3,4; Jazz Band 3,4; Softball 2,3,4.

Nicole Morris: Marching Band 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2,4; Spanish Club 1.

Becky Nunez: Drama Club 3; Marching Band 3,4; Girls Tenns 2.

iill Oldfield: Volleyball 4; Softball 4.
Nick Oslizlo: Marching Band 1,2;
Football 1,3,4; Boys Track 3;
Baseball 1.

Christal Pavlik: Quill and Scroll Society 3,4; Student Council 1,2, Choir 1,2,3,4; Yearbook 1,2,3,4, Business Manager 4; Class Treasurer 1.

Cassandra Pennington: Choir 1,2,3,4; Softball 2. Jasmina Perez: Auxiliary Corps 3; French Club 3; Cirls Toppie 1,3

Steve Petri: Boys Basketball 1,3,4; Baseball 2,3,4. Eva Piesyk: Ouill and Scroll Society

4; Student Council 1,2,3; Marching Band 1,2,3,4; Yearbook 3,4; French Club 3,4.

Jeanette Podgorski: Student Council

.2. 34; Drame Club 34; Marching Band 34; Cheer and r 1,2,3,4 Spanish Club 12 corls Tennis 2 Carls Track 2.4

Billy Ralph; Marching Band 4.
Brian Ray: Spell Bowl [2,3,4;
Academic Decathlon 2,3,4; Super-Bowl 1,2,3,4; Jazz Band 4;
Football 1,3; Golf (2,3,4); Bench
Press Contest 1,2,4; Boys State 3,

Vanessa Reeves: Honor Society 2.3.4 secretary 3, vice president 4; Sple Bowl 34; Academic Decation 3,4; Super Bowl 2,3.4; Marching Band 1,2.3.4; Pep Band 1; Auxiliary Corps 2.7.4; Volleyball 1.2.3.4; Girls Tennis 1.2.3.4; Girls Basketball 1,2.3. Football Homecoming Queen Court 3.4; Class Vice President 3; Hoosier Girls State 4; All-Conference academic 3,

Sarah Saalwaechter: Honor Society 2,3,4; Drama Club 2,3; Marching Band 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 3,4.

Juan Salas: Baseball 1,2,3,4. Stephanie Santiago: Honor Society

stephanie Santiago: Honor Society 2,3,4; Marching Band 1,2,3,4; Jazz Band 1,2,3; Auxiliary Corps 1,2,3,4; Spanish Club 4; Volleyball 2,3; Softball 1,2.

Doug Schadel: Boys Basketball 1.
Jason Scott: Honor Society 2,3,4;
Academic Decathlon 1,2,3,4;
Super Bowl 1,2,3,4; Boys Cross
Country 4; Wrestling 3,4; Boys
Track 3,4

Marvin Scott: Marching Band 2,3,4; Jazz Band 4; French Club 4; Boys Track 3,4; Bench Press Contest 3,4

Heather Serles: Choir 2,3; Spanis Club 3.

Michael Sellers: Marching Band 1,2,3,4, president 4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Spanish Club 4; Baseball 2,3,4.

Stacey Shrewsbury: Quill and Scroll Society 3,4; Marching Band 1,2,3,4, treasurer 3; Pep Band 1,4; Newspaper 2,3,4, Co-Editor 4; Softball 1,2,4; Social Studies Club 4.

Nicole Squires: Honor Society 2,3.4, secretary 4; Super Bowl 2,3.4, Student Council 1,2.3.4, Marching Band 1,2,3.4, vice president 4; Pep Band 2; Cheerleader 1,2.3.4; French Club 3.4, treasurer 3, president 4; Girls Tennis 1,2; Cirls Truck I.2 Class Vice President 4; Class Treasurer 1,2,3; NCA-All American; UCA-All Star; ICA

Jody Sutton: Yearbook 3,4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Girls Basketball 1,2,3.

Marching Band 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 2,3; Jazz Band 2,3; Yearbook 1; Cheerleader 1.

Kelly Therault: Honor Society 2,3,4; Marching Band 2,3,4; Pep Band

Marching Band 2,3,4; Yep Band 2,3,4; Yearbook 1; Spanish Club 3; Girls Track 1; Softball 1,2,4. Sara Thompson: Marching Band

.2,3,4; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Auxiliery Corps 4; Spanish Club 1. David Tolin: Marching Band 1,2;

Football 1,2,3,4; Boys Track 2; Baseball 1; Bench Press Contest 1 2,3,4. Jason Varney: Student Council 4, w

Jason Varney: Student Council 4, vi president 4; Marching Band 1,2,3,4; Spanish Club 3; Boys Tennis 2,3,4; Boys Basketball 4,2,3,4; Boys Track 4; Baseball

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treasurer 4.

Rosie Vaughan: Yestorok 1, pp. 40-41.
Club I.

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Bernadette Verduzco: Spanish Clul

2; Girls Tennis 1,2,3.

Rita Verduzco: Marching Band 1,2

French Club 3; Girls Tennis 1,2.

DeAngela Ward: Honor Society 2,3,4.

Spell Bowl 2,3; Academic

Decathlon 3; Super Bowl 1,2;

Elizabeth Weger: Honor Society 2,3.4: Marching Band 1,2,3.4; Girls Cross Country 1; Volleyball 2.3: Girls Basketball 1; Girls Track, 1,2,3.4; Softball 1,2.

Meagan Wilson: Auxiliary Corps 3,4; Spanish Club 2, vice president 3; French Club 3,4; Girls Tennis 1,2,3,4.

# HELLO?

WHAT DID YOU SAY?

Every generation wants to be **unique**. Whether it's how they dress, do their hair,

where they go, "CHILL," or how they talk, it has to be done differently than before. Here are some of the unique slangs of **1998**. They may not be"*Groovy*," but they're ours.

"On the what?"- seriously

"Don't be shady"- stretching the truth or being sarcastic

"Whoo-hoo"- an expression of glee

"It's da bomb"- it's the best; it doesn't get any better

"It's gonna be bad"- going to be fun

"Keep it real"- stick to the facts

"That's sweet"- that's nice; it looks good

"Phat"- in fashion or style

"Looser"- you are a lost cause

"My bad"- oops, my fault

"Chillin' or Chill"- simply relaxing

"Crib"- place of residence

"Homie"- friend

# GETTING A 'FRESH' START

Daniel Anderson

Sharron Burton Amber Caroll Steven Clifford James Collins

Jesstra Costello James Croy Rebecca DeGroot

Mike Dominguez Dwayne Durk Michael Fay Rene Garcia Basil Gardner Sherry Garner Brianne Gilliana

Michael Graun Rachael Guerrero Daisy Gutierrez Katina Haaland-Ramer Joshua Halcomb Sharonne Haley Michele Harper Virginia Hartman





































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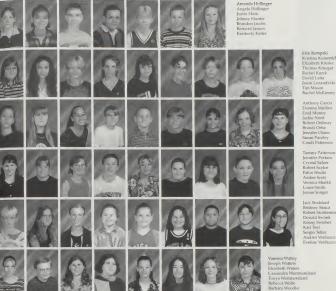
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Erin Kempski Kristina Komenich Elizabeth Kreske

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A Stitch in Time!

FIELD TRIP I Need My Slip Signed!

February 3, 1998

March 24, 1998





Michael Adams, eighth grader, diligently works to complete an assignment for English class.

## THE ROAD IS LONG

Sometimes the last vear of junior high seems like an eternity. Eighth graders filled their final junior high year with activities and requirements.

During the year, class

I-STEP, held dances, and some applied for the 21st Century Scholarships.

During the year, class members also completed schedules for their first year of high

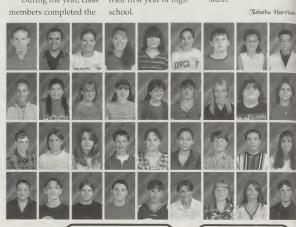
In the spring, students were honored for their achievement at Recognition Day, which was held for students. teachers, and parents in the junior high gymnasium.

Leslie Blankenship

Angela Calvillo Emily Cheek

Cynthia De Groot Stephen Feezor William Goble lill Gonzales

Hope Green Justin Guzman



## WENTY-FIRST CENTURY

Millennium Planning?

VALENTINE'S DANCE

Love's in the Air?

February 10, 1998

September 24, 1997 (

December 2, 1997

I-STEP

Remember, a #2 Pencil!





Ray Herandez Ray Hopper Stephanie Kalberer Michael Keller





















































BRIDE





Brian Westmoreland Holly Westmoreland Marja Wilson

CLASS SCHEDULING Got Freshman Jitters?

RECOGNITION DAY Now That's a Good Job!

March 23, 1998

June 4, 1998





Billy Carns, freshman, concentrates on the word given during the Mock Spell Bowl.

## STEPPING IN AND UP

In the fall when freshmen strolled into the doors, they felt a need to show upperclassmen that they wanted to become a part of the school. With the assistance of Miss Danyelle Ware, Freshman Class sponsor, the class began displaying school spirit and participating in activities and fundraisers.

During football Homecoming,

the class chose the theme, "Shock the Satellites." Asking for donations from their peers, they used the funds to purchase hallway and float decorations.

Leading the class were Jamie Sellers, president; Courtney Krasoczka, vice president; and Lolita Christopher, secretary and treasurer.

Becky Cisneros

Sevasti Alahouzos Sarah Alderson Amber Alexander Tanya Allison Nicole Alonzo Matthew Anderson Thomas Ard Adam Baker

James Belinsky Christina Bodine Daniel Bolduc Ryan Bolduc Erica Bowman Melody Brawley Maria Burge Christina Burns

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FRESHMAN
ORIENTATION
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CTBS
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Stop! Pencils Down!

August 21, 1997 (

FIRST DAY OF HIGH SCHOOL

Learning to Juggle It All!

August 27, 1997

September 24, 1997



Jennifer Massey

Colette Gregory Cheryl Grunewald Ernesto Guerrero

Fernanda Heridia

Randy Lopin William Loving Harry Manos



Sara Russi, freshman, performs in the "Clumsy Custard Horror Show."



Freshman Alison Patterson and Courtney Krasoczka show their tacky outfits while talking during lunch hour.

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February 26, 1998



# FITTING IN, MOVING ON

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Freshman Homecoming representative Melissa Bradford smiles while being escorted by freshman Miguel Rosado.



Freshman Heather Free stops to chat with Mrs. Kay Rieck during a passing period.



Stripes, checks, plaids, prints and combinations appear on freshman Jamie Sellers and Mrs. Donna Briggs for Tacky Day.



Freshman Amber Alexander dresses for Uniform Day in Miss Francie Blaney's second hour English class.































In an attempt to put her team in the lead, sophomore Brandy Schultz tries to spell a word.

## STUDENTS EYE-STEP

Sophomores were busy during the year with a variety of projects and activities.

In the fall, the class became the first group required to pass the ISTEP+ test to qualify for a diploma. The test included mathematics, reading ability, reading compension, vocabulary, and writing skills. The test was given from September 22 to 26. club cards as a fund-raiser.

Sophomores also decorated the halls for Spirit Week during football and basketball Homecoming. Sophomores were awarded third place with a total of 163 points during football Spirit Week.

Guiding the class during the year was President Rebecca Chirch.



Michelle Broughton Malinda Burge Malissa Burge Callena Burns Frank Caporale Eddie Cartagena Jesse Catlin Rebecca Chirch

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Marc Remus, sophomore, dresses in his uniform to support Spirit week



Victoria Wallace, sophomore, walks on the football Homecoming court with her escort sophomore Thomas Long.

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ophomores

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Sophomore students show their spirit by decorating a truck for the Homecoming parade.



Sophomore Rebecca Chirch shows her spirit dressing up during football Home coming.

Sophomore Richard Baron tries to complete his work in his biology class.





Eddie Cartagena, sophomore, takes a minute to browse through a newspaper during Spirit W eek.



Heads down, Miss. Francie Blaney's seventh hour sophomore English class works on an assignment

















Angelique Wilson David Wilson Oswaldo Zepeda















During French class, junior Javier Heridia participates in a Homecoming dress up day.

## JUNIORS STAY AHEAD

Throughout the year, the Junior Class maintained a reputation for trying harder. Accumulating 251 points during Football Spirit Week, the class astounded all by capturing first place honors.

Students worked until 9 p.m. putting up cowboys and lassos to depict their "Round-up the Satellites" theme. On Friday, they screamed and shouted their battle cry. When the cries were over,

the Junior Class had won an over all first place.

Leading the class were Derek Chirch, president; Kevin Wilson, vice president; Kristen Gilliana, treasurer; and Amber Wulitch, secretary.

During the year, the juniors sold candy, items from Christmas catalogs, sponsored Prom and completed PSAT testing.

Pia Squires

Miguel Astorga Amanda Atterbury Melisa Bagley Terri Ballard Erica Balrow Timothy Beals Misty Borens Tiffany Bowen

William Bowersock Michelle Brass Bernard Breese Amber Burton Katie Butchko Natalie Cartagena Derek Carter

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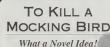












ASVAB TESTING

How Much Time Left?

January 27,1998

December 9, 1997

October 14, 1997

Wow, Wait Until the SAT!













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unior class members display their spirit in a decorated Homecoming truck for



Junior Derek Chirch takes time out of class to catch up on reading

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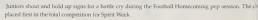












Ginny Nord junior dresses up on Tacky Day to show spirit. The activity was sponsored by Student Council



## JUNIOR CLASS PLANS PROM

Junior Kim Skalik talks with Mrs. Sandra Milalik during class on Homecoming Uniform Day.





Junior Gary Moss waits to find out if his answer is correct at the Homecoming Spell Bowl.

































# NO MORE COMPUTERS

It's time to check the menu and sample the selections! Faculty members experienced many new computer changes. These changes allowed teachers to work with

the Internet. The school was able to obtain grants to help train instructors to meet this challenge.

With the help of students, Ms. Terry

Watkins was able to form a group that she called Helpdesk. Helpdesk allowed teachers to interact with students by logging onto the Internet

and E-mailing questions to students. Students were then able to answer the teachers back during study hall or during assistant hours.

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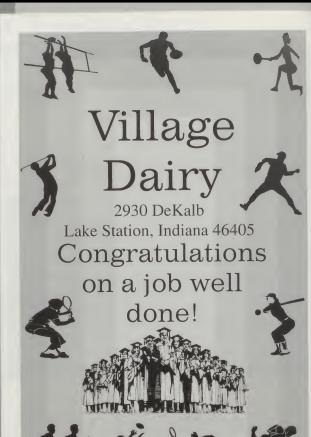
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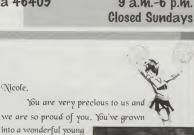
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Pia, Dan, and Jony











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Mom, Mellissa, Michelle, Cuddles, Ella

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Some students chose to work at the election polls on May 5. Others were in-

volved in the actual campaigning for candidates running for office. Some faculty also chose to be involved in campaigns or staff the election polls in area races.

After ballots were counted, a substantial majority elected Mr. Marshall Gilliana and Mrs. Michelle Martin to the two vacant seats on the River Forest Community School Corporation's School Board.

Mary Lemke

Mr. Rich Arming salvani towns amounter, delivers the results of the elec-Marshall Gilliana. Mr. Arnold was a board member who was mulig to reelection this May.









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